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## BUILDING FIRM'S FAILURE.

PARTNERS WHO CAN'T BE FOUND.

### BANKRUPTCY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

At the Bankruptcy Court yesterday, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood ordered the issue of a warrant for the arrest of a principal partner named Chung Cheuk Wah, in the Chick Wah Firm, of No. 27, Nam Chang Street, Sham Shui Po.

It was stated by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the Official Receiver, that the said partner had gone to Canton and could not be found. It was stated that the assets of the firm consisted only of a contract with the Kowloon-Canton Railway, and the debts amounted to \$62,000.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ and Mr. A. el Archulli appeared for the creditors. The Official Receiver said that the day before first meeting of creditors, on December 9th, debtor produced a medical certificate signed by a European doctor stating that he was not fit to attend.

On December 13th the debtor came to the Official Receiver with a telegram purporting to come from Canton stating that his uncle was dead and he was to come to Canton immediately to see to his estate.

### In An Extraordinary Way.

When the Official Receiver went into the accounts he found them in an extraordinary state, no dates being given when the debts were contracted or what they were for. So the Official Receiver wrote to debtor asking him to come and give a correct account of the state of affairs. This and subsequent letters were not replied to.

Debtor had written to another partner asking him to represent him at the public examination, but this man, Pang Lok Chin, knew practically nothing of the business. His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) then ordered a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Chung Cheuk Wah. Pang Lok Chin was then called and said that the firm were building property shares. Witnesses had had only \$800 shares. All the partners except himself had left the Colony and could not be traced.

Asked if Chung Cheuk Wah was a rich man, witness said that he believed he was.

The examination was adjourned, sine die witness being warned that he might be required to attend again.

### LAST YEAR'S LOSSES.

HONG KONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The report of the Directors of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Ltd., which will be presented at the annual meeting of shareholders to be held at St. George's Building on Wednesday, March 23rd, states:—

After writing off \$39,715.70 for depreciation and \$45,167.29 being the balance of losses on Government contracts as finally ascertained, the profit and loss account for the year 1926 shows a debit balance of \$128,525.98. This, added to the debit balance at the end of 1925, namely, \$333,458.99, makes a total adverse balance at the 31st December, 1926, of \$462,184.97 which it is proposed to carry forward.

It is with deep regret that your Directors record the death on May 25th, 1926, of their highly respected and esteemed colleague, the late Sir C. Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.

The Very Rev. Father L. Robert resigned from the Board on January 20th, 1927.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., and Mr. J. T. Bagran joined the Board on June 16th, 1926, and November 1st, 1926, respectively, and their appointments require confirmation by the shareholders.

Dr. J. W. Noble and Mr. J. Scott Harston retire by rotation, and the last named, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

### "THE CIRCLE" AT THE QUEENS

A GOOD PLAY WELL ACTED.

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

"The Circle" showing to-day at the Queen's is a skillful adaptation of Somerset Maugham's successful play, and a film not to be missed. The cast is excellent the two old men and Lady Catherine in particular, and the setting is beyond reproach. Fay Compton played the part of Elizabeth on the stage to perfection. She was the beautiful rather staid English girl faced by a situation beyond her, dumb, except for a few terribly pointed words. Eleanor Boardman took this line but without the help of the

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## MR. CHURCHILL ON FINANCE.

NECESSITY FOR STABLE CURRENCY.

### TAKES HIS STAND ON THE PLATITUDES.

Mr. Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, gave a very interesting address on Finance at the annual dinner of the Oldham Chamber of Commerce.

"I am," said Mr. Churchill "always impressed with the mysteries of finance and I think a great deal of the mystery of finance arises from misunderstanding. In finance appearances are always deceptive. Some symptoms very often mean quite different things, and it may be a healthy or unhealthy symptom according to the cause from which it arises. For instance, people say money is cheap and they say that is good or they say money is dear, and that is bad; but neither view is correct apart from the cause. Money may be cheap because enterprise is stagnant, or it may be because industry is expanding. It may be cheap because some process, some immoral process as inflation such as we are frequently tempted to, is going on, or it may be some sober measure of restraint is being applied.

"Take another example: exports may increase, and most people would say how good that is, but they may increase because we are becoming more efficient competitors in foreign markets, or they may increase because we are selling a larger quantity of goods at a loss. Imports, again, may increase either because we are doing a very profitable business abroad, getting extremely good prices, or they may increase because we are living on capital. Exchanges may go up because we have a sound system of finance, and a steady condition of credit and politics in the land, because we have a good balance of trade, or for some perfectly reputable reason of that kind, or they may go up because we are receiving the fruits of our loans across the exchanges.

"You cannot judge a symptom in finance apart from its cause, and you cannot predict the consequence of any symptom unless you know not only the symptom, but the cause. And the cause itself is only a symptom traceable to some previous series of events, which may be good or may be bad." Almost every one was able to speak with the greatest possible erudition on financial topics in general, but hardly anyone was able to predict what was going to happen in a particular case. Those who could rapidly rise to possession of marked affluence. (Laughter.) But he did not believe it was so mysterious and complicated as some great authorities made out. It seemed to him that finance became complicated the moment they departed from the broad high road. The simple blunt truths of finance applied equally to the economy of the humblest cottage, the most wealthy corporation, and the most powerful State. "Balance your Budget," declared Mr. Churchill amid laughter. "Pay your way. Pay your debts. Make your expenditure less than your income. Let your word be your bond. Save. Buy War Savings Certificates. (Laughter.) Do a fair day's work for the money you earn, and make sure you are paid in an honest and stable currency. I will give you an infallible test by which you can tell whether any financial measure is sound or unsound. If it is sound it is disagreeable. Now it follows from that that every Chancellor of the Exchequer who does his duty has to do a great many disagreeable things." There were two services which a Government could render to trade and to Labour—they were a sound finance and a stable currency.

words and the appeal of Miss Compton's living personality she inclined to be stiff and uninteresting. One wonders if the producer would not have been wiser and kinder to his leading lady if he had taken the permissible liberty of adapting Maugham's conception of Elizabeth to the needs of the screen.

In other respects the screen has as usual a big advantage over the stage. The beautiful setting gives the atmosphere of an English country house better than any scenery could do. Eugenie Besserer gave a very able rendering of Lady Catherine, she showed the scars of her life without being vulgar or losing the sympathy of the audience. Lord Porteous (George Fawcett) on the other hand, though excellent in parts, was too American to be consistently convincing as an English gentleman. No such reproach can be attached to the performance of Alice Francis as Lord Clive Chanoy which was perfect in every detail. Arnold, another very difficult role, was taken by Crichton Hale. He very cleverly draws ones sympathy as the play progresses, although his evidence sense of humour makes one doubt if he is quite such an "old woman" as his wife suggests.

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### GREAT EXPECTATIONS. THE A.D.C.'S FIRST NIGHT.

There is no doubt that interest has been aroused in Hong Kong by the A.D.C.'s forthcoming season, at the Theatre Royal, in which that very diverting and highly successful comedy "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," by Frederick Lonsdale is being staged.

A Lonsdale First night at Home is an important and long-looked-forward-to event among all theatre-goers, assuming almost the character of a social event.

Particularly was this the case with "The Last of Mrs. Cheyney," when it was produced at the St. James's Theatre, and so successful was the comedy, that it ran in London for over five hundred nights. Now is this to be wondered at when one considers that the play itself is one of the best written by Frederick Lonsdale, and that it was in the hands of a cast headed by Gladys Cooper and Sir Gerald du Maurier.

It says much for the apparently never failing reserve of amateur talent in the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club that such a play should be produced here, almost straight from its London home. It speaks still more highly of the confidence with which the A.D.C. is regarded in Hong Kong, that nobody has any doubt of its capability to produce even such an outstanding London success to the entire satisfaction of the most exigent critic.

It but remains, therefore for everyone who wishes to take part in what promises to be a highly successful and memorable A.D.C. season to be sure of securing a seat without delay. The booking plan is open at Anderson's everyday until 5 p.m. and the seats are \$3, \$2 and \$1.

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## CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL'S GREAT SUCCESSES.

LARGE GATHERING AT YESTERDAY'S PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

MRS. SOUTHERN'S ENCOURAGING ADDRESS.

AN EXCELLENT YEAR'S WORK.

A splendid year's work has been achieved by the Central British School, Kowloon. One of its girl students took no less than seven of the special prizes, and, according to the reports of the Headmaster, the Royal Drawing Society's prize was won for the first time in the history of the Colony.

The annual prize distribution took place at the school-room yesterday evening, the awards being given away by Mrs. W. T. Southern. Among those present were: Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education), Mr. E. L. Ralphs (Inspector of Schools), Rev. Lindsay, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Mr. M. Montague, Mr. B. Wyllie, Mrs. E. J. Paterson, Dr. Fenton and the Rev. Horace Johnson.

The Headmaster, Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale, having read his report, Mrs. W. T. Southern presented the prizes, and then gave a most encouraging address to the pupils.

Three cheers were called for Mrs. Southern, for the Headmaster, the staff, for the school and finally for Miss Mary Oliver, who had captured seven of the special prizes.

Little Miss Mary Oliver matriculated with honours and a distinction in English and also won the following prizes: Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock's Scholarship, Headmaster's prize, Wyllie Composition Prize, Montague's French Prize, War Memorial Prize, Dowbiggin History Prize.

At the conclusion, Mrs. Southern declared that to-day will be observed as a holiday in honour of Mary Oliver's success.

### School Report.

The school report for 1926, presented by Mr. G. FRANKLIN NIGHTINGALE (the Headmaster), contained the following:—

As in all my reports of the past few years I must again emphasise our urgent need of extra classrooms, a science lecture room, a manual instruction room, a common-room for the staff, and a properly equipped kitchen and classroom for housewifery and cookery classes. The Technical Institute is now a very important part of the educational facilities provided by the Central British School, and these extensions are necessary if full advantage is to be taken of the Continuation Classes open to those over school age.

On leaving school boys and girls are apt to think that their education is completed, but if they are wise they will realise that they must still be studious and thorough. We offer here facilities for further and more advanced studies.

The School was opened on 189 days. The maximum enrolment was 173, the average attendance during the whole year being 131.4, an increase of 18.4 over that of 1925. The highest monthly average was 151 in February, and 102 in September. The lowest being 116 in January. The attendance was generally good in spite of there being several cases of fever, malaria and dengue. For trivial reasons there were very few cases of absence, and I wish again to express my appreciation of the interest and co-operation of the parents in our efforts to inculcate the principles of regularity and punctuality.

Rev. G. E. S. Updell, Dr. Fenton and Mr. Mason have joined the staff. The Rev. D. M. Richards, Miss Tasartes and Mr. Reeve have gone home on leave and Mr. Jordan resigned his position as Manual Instructor in July. The School was visited by H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, accompanied by the Director of Education. Other visitors were Lady Clementi, the Inspectors of Schools, Members of the Board of Education, teachers from New Zealand, Australia, and U.S.A., many parents and others interested in the School. The new entrants were medically examined by the M.O.S., who reported "a fairly large number (18 out of 50) have some defect."

The School Prospectus for 1927 has been published and I shall be pleased to send copies to all those interested in the education of British children in the Far East. Our students assisted at the Sale of Poppies on Armistice Day, and at the Annual Sale of Work of the Ministering Children's League. They also contributed to the Navy League fund in aid of the sufferers in the Wanshan incident. The girls of Classes 3 and 4 continued their work in support of the London Hospital, a draft for \$21 being sent.

The membership of the Old Pupils Association increased during the year but many old pupils have not

yet joined. To them I appeal for their active support. At King's Park the Association now has Tennis and Hockey grounds and during the year many social picnics were held. The Water Polo team again secured second place in the League. Interest in the School Troops of Girl Guides was well maintained. The Captain, Miss Owen Hughes, and the Lieutenant, Miss Holyoak, resigned on leaving the Colony, and the Section is now under the temporary charge of Miss Wanklyn, a Commissioner from Home.

### Games and Sports.

We again thank the Committee of the Kowloon Football Club for granting us the use of their ground on three days a week for football and hockey, and the Committee of the Kowloon Cricket Club for permission to play matches on their ground.

We have now splendid playing fields at King's Park and Tennis, Cricket and Hockey have been under the enthusiastic control of Mr. Rowell. Swimming was again popular, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club permitting us to use the Dock Bathing Beach. J. Lyon and D. Kelly, of Class 3, competed in the Harbour Race, the former gaining fifth place. He also won the Boys' 100 yards Swimming Championship of the Colony. Physical Instruction and Boxing Classes were held twice a week during the cooler months.

### University Examinations.

The results obtained in the Matriculation Examination were very satisfactory. For the first time a Matriculation Honours Certificate was awarded to one of our students, Mary Oliver, who also obtained distinction in English. Of the four students of the Matriculation Class three passed one mentioned above, being awarded Honours, and G. Edwards and J. Vickars, gaining distinction in English. Of Class 1 one student, Matriculated, and of Class 2 two passed, E. L. Hayes obtaining distinction in Chemistry, the first student from C.B.S. to gain this distinction. The "Montague's French Prizes" were won by "Senior"—Mary Oliver; "Junior"—E. L. Hayes.

### Annual Examination.

The results of the Annual Examination of Class 3-8 were also very satisfactory, being much better than in 1925, a year of interrupted work. 108 Children were examined, of whom 81 per cent. passed, having obtained over 60 per cent. of the aggregate marks, those obtaining less than this not qualifying for promotion to a higher class. I am especially pleased to be able to report a decided advance in Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, English Grammar, Literature, Composition, Drawing and Cookery. Arithmetic was very well done, algebra was good, especially in Class 4, and physics and chemistry results promise well for the future. Visitors to the School have been much impressed with our laboratories.

This is the first time, for many years, that we have had in Class 2 the Junior Local Examination Class, more than 20 pupils. Some of these, however, may leave the Colony during the year, and it may be our unhappy lot to see, once again, the fruits of our labours reaped by other schoolboys. Although it is disappointing to lose promising children, we are encouraged by the excellent results these attain in Home schools. I should like to quote one criticism of a girl who entered a Home school a little while ago. The Head Mistress reports: "Is promising in her work and business-like in tackling it."

### Royal Drawing Society.

At the Annual Examination in the various Divisions held in June very good results were obtained. Two candidates, J. Hirst and J. Maycock, having gained Honours in all Divisions, were awarded "Full" certificates, the first time in the history of the School, and, I think, of the Colony, that such certificates have been awarded. The general report of the Society stated: "A very good and well sustained result."

26 "Honours" and 63 "Pass" certificates were gained. This examination is taken by all the British Schools here, and the following figures show the excellent results obtained this year:—

Number of pupils examined, 172. Number of Honours certificates, 68. Number of Pass certificates, 78.

In conclusion, I thank all the donors of these prizes, and all the members of the Staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support

throughout the year, and I wish to express to you, Mrs. Southern, our deep appreciation of the honour you have conferred on Central British School by coming here this evening to distribute the prizes and to inspire us to carry on, to the utmost of our power, the important work of the education of British children in this Colony.

### LIST OF SUCCESSES.

Matriculation:—Honours: M. Oliver (distinction in English); Pass: G. G. Edwards (distinction in English), J. Vickars (distinction in English), G. Arnold. Junior Local Examination:—E. L. Hayes (distinction in Chemistry) and H. J. Smith. Government Scholarships:—G. W. Arnold, E. L. Hayes, J. S. Lyon, J. Black, V. Levkovich, R. Forster, I. Woolley, L. Carr, and M. Wicheell. Garrison School Scholarship:—E. Burrage, J. Crossan, A. Hargrave, A. Hosford, and H. Stock. Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Company's Scholarship:—M. Oliver and L. Allen.

Head Master's Prize:—M. Oliver. Wyllie Composition Prize:—M. Oliver. Montague's French Prize:—Mary Oliver (senior) and E. L. Hayes (junior).

War Memorial Prize:—M. Oliver. Ezra Abraham Prize for Mathematics:—G. G. Edwards. Scripture (Presented by Rev. J. Horace Johnston):—G. Arnold and R. Woolley.

History (Prize presented by Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin):—M. Oliver and S. MacNider. Chemistry (Prize presented by Mr. G. G. Wood):—E. L. Hayes. Geography (Presented by Mr. G. G. Wood):—J. Lyon.

Friting (Presented by Mr. Nightingale):—E. L. Hayes. Drawing Prizes (Presented by Messrs. Der. A Wing & Co.):—J. Hirst.

(9) Holiday Competition (Presented by Miss Hall):—1st, G. Arnold; 2nd, R. Woolley, S. MacNider.

### ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY.

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Division 6:—Honours: J. Hirst and J. Maycock; Pass: G. Arnold and M. Oliver.

Division 5:—Honours: W. Hirst; Pass: M. Whitley and R. Woolley.

Division 4:—Honours: A. Maycock, S. MacNider, M. Whitley and R. Woolley; Pass: F. Barker, D. Hynes, M. King, H. Smith, and M. Wicheell.

Division 3:—Honours: J. Black, M. Bryson, G. Carr, G. Fowler, M. George, E. MacNider and S. MacNider; Pass: E. Bach, S. Bander, A. Boryer, H. Brown, D. Dransfeld, L. Dunn, A. Fowler, N. Hackett, V. Levkovich, J. Lyon, B. McCubbin, U. Mitchell, E. Moses, H. Patterson and A. Ureell.

Division 2:—Honours: F. Bird, A. Chester, W. Hirst, M. King, V. Levkovich, and J. Patterson; Pass: L. Allen, C. Aris, E. Butler, L. Carr, K. Chester, L. S. Mandell, Lintram, Y. Lau, M. Matthews, G. McClay, A. McCubbin, J. Muirhead, A. Taylor, L. Tolan, and B. Woods.

Division 1:—Honours: W. Hirst, R. Amery, R. Blyth, I. Brown, E. Fleming, D. Geldart, E. Humphrey, M. King, E. Lyons, G. Mess, G. Skelton, G. Speirs, M. Wicheell, and I. Woolley; Pass: M. Bach, I. Black, E. Blyth, E. Egan, P. Everest, J. Frank, W. Geldart, J. Gourlay, A. Hynes, B. Moss and M. Yalland.

### MRS. SOUTHERN'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. Southern addressed the pupils as follows:—It is with mixed feelings that I have come here this afternoon, regret and pleasure, regret that my husband is unable to perform the pleasant duties that fall to my share, owing to pressure of work, and pleasure that you wished me to come in his stead.

I think my only qualification for coming here is that I went to a girls' school myself and that I had six brothers, so that I may claim to know something of schoolgirls and schoolboys. In school days one has to learn how to work, one has to learn to love work. And later on when the serious business of life comes one realises how much one owes to the teacher who sets one's feet in the right direction. Some of us have a taste for work and some of us have not, and the teacher has to lead both the willing and unwilling horses to the water of learning in the hope of making them drink.

It is fortunate to be born with a love of work just as it is fortunate to be born with curly hair or a good temper. Quite a number of people have to be taught to like work, a very large number never learn. They belong to a society of which I read the other day.

### The Tramps' Society—And Lord Reading.

A tramp was brought up before a magistrate for trespassing and vagrancy. "Why don't you do an honest job of work?" said the magistrate. "I can't, sir," he said, "I belong to a Society."

"A Society," said the magistrate, "What Society?" "The Amalgamated Sons of Rest," said the tramp.

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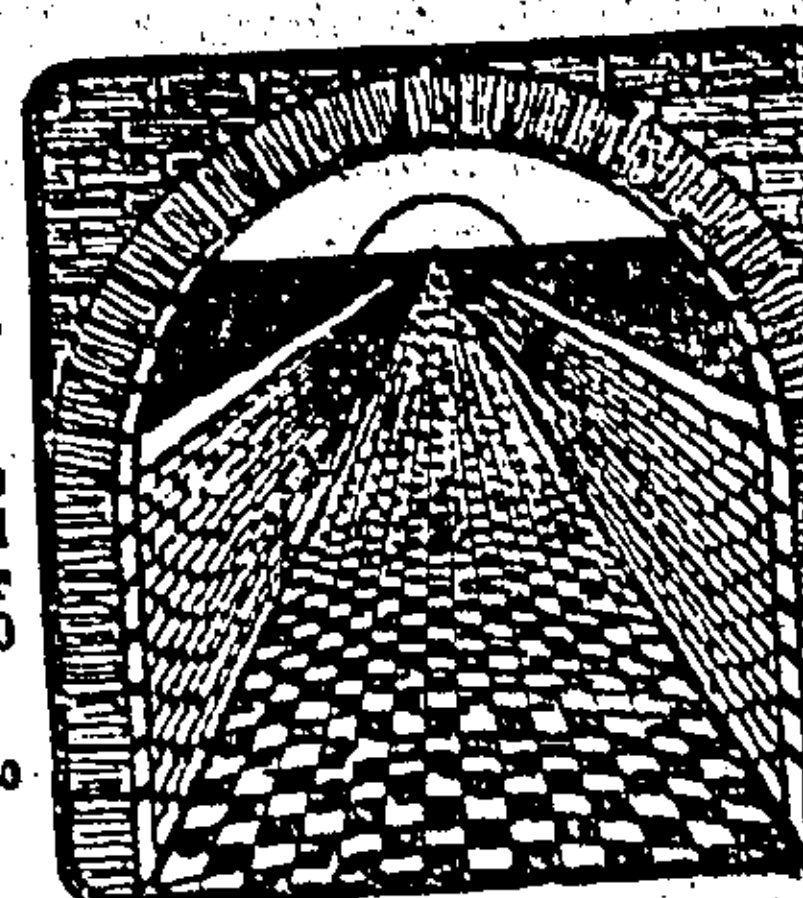
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There is so much work to be done in the world, whether paid or unpaid, that it is pathetic to think of anyone sitting twiddling his thumbs. We cannot all climb to the topmost branches of the tree of success, but we can all do our job of work well and justifying our existence on this earth. I was reading a speech of Lord Reading's the other day. You may remember that he ran away to sea and went before the mast and eventually became Viceroy of India. In between those two incidents he was the most successful barrister in England and Chief Justice. When he was at the height of his legal success, he worked so hard that he could only allow himself four hours sleep. "I have worked hard all my life," he said, "and I rejoice in it."

### Leaving School Not The End Of Study.

That's the point. You must rejoice in work and rejoice in play. Above all it is no use to think that you finish learning when you leave school. You are only beginning to learn and I do beg of you all to continue your studies and even to take up new ones in addition to any career you may adopt to earn your daily bread. Life must become richer and fuller as we grow older. We must not become mere money earning machines but we must enter into the world of art, literature and music more fully than in our school days.

### Traditions of the School.

#### Lucky Days.

Moreover, we must uphold the tradition of our old school, and endeavour by social service to become useful citizens of our own town and of the world as a whole. In this school I know that the Guide spirit is firmly planted and that, together with the Scout spirit, forms one of the greatest assets for moral influence, individual efficiency and the peace of the world. As Commissioner for this Colony I congratulate the 1st Kowloon Guide Company on winning the Prince of Wales' Banner in the last competition and I hope the Company will develop and prosper under the able leadership of Miss Buckwell.

### When one thinks of all the interest both in work and in play that make up school life nowadays, one realises how fortunate it is to live in the 20th century. Sometimes we look back to what people call the "good old days" and we find that a great portion of them was very bad indeed. The days of Elizabeth look very dashing and thrilling and picturesque, but we should have hated going to school then. I was reading a wonderful essay on children and education by that charming writer Montaigne, who lived in France in the sixteenth century.

(Continued on next column).

## ROUGH HANDLING OF A PRISONER.

### MAGISTRATE'S STERN REBUKE TO CONSTABLE.

A stern rebuke was administered by Mr. R. E. Lansell at the Central Magistrate's yesterday to an Indian constable whom he observed handling a defendant rather roughly. "Two Chinese had been fined \$1 each for fighting in Wanchai, and bound over in the sum of \$80 each to be of good behaviour for six months."

When the defendants had signed the bonds, it was found they were unable to pay their fines, and they were brought back to the Court.

Here one of the men made straight for the dock and an Indian constable pulled him back rather roughly.

"What are you doing there," said the Magistrate sharply. Constable: These men are prisoners.

Magistrate: What are you bringing them here for?—They cannot pay their fines. You have no right to smack him on the back like that. Behave yourself.

Having ascertained that the men had signed the bonds, his Worship remitted their fines.

He describes school as "a prison of captivated childhood" where "you hear nothing but whipping and bawling both of children tormented and masters besotted with anger and chafing." What a contrast nowadays. Montaigne goes on to say: "If it lay in me I would do as the Philosopher Senequius did, who, caused the pictures of Gladness, of Joy, of Flora and of the Graces to be set up about his school house."

It is a pity Montaigne cannot have a glimpse of the Central British School. I was taught drawing and painting by the artist who first broke away from the old-fashioned "copies," so dull and so cramping. His name was Mr. Cooke and I remember the consternation caused when I came home and said I had to draw a picture of the Signing of Magna Charta.

I remember one of my brothers asking me if my attempt was an advertisement for Keating's Powder. Joking apart the system is an excellent one. It draws out originality, stimulates interest and also develops technique. I congratulate the school very warmly on its artistic bias.

And now I must say no more for you will be getting impatient. I wish Mr. and Mrs. Nightingale a well-deserved and happy holiday and continued success to the Central British School.



## CHINESE TROOPS ON THE BORDER.

## WHAMPOA CADETS NEAR SHUMCHUN.

## RAISING MONEY FOR THE WAR CHEST.

## PROPOSAL TO PERMIT GAMBLING THROUGHOUT CANTON.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

It is reported that 1,500 to 2,000 more cadets from the training corps at Whampoa are being stationed in districts near Shumchun on the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

Coolies serving the stations on this railway line have been on strike for the past few days.

In order to swell the Kuomintang war chest a proposal to allow gambling in all parts of Canton is being considered. Under the present regulations the gambling houses are confined to the Southern part of the City. Another Kuomintang Press report is to the effect that a hundred million dollars' worth of paper money, and not ten millions' worth, is being printed and issued through the Kuomintang banks.

Under the pretext that the Electric Light Company in Nanning, Kwangsi, is owned by persons opposing the Kuomintang, the Kuomintang Executive Committee has decided to commandeer it and bring it under public control.

Twelve graduates of the Sun Yat Sen University agricultural department will be sent to the Philippine Islands to study farming. They are expected to leave Canton soon.

Mr. Y. L. Lee, formerly the associate, and now the acting, general secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Canton, has been called to the vice-presidency of the Canton Christian College, now known as the Lingnan University which is to come under Chinese management from July 1st next. The other vice-president will be Dr. J. M. Henry, the present president under American management.

Prof. Chung Wing Kwong, now associate president for Chinese affairs of the College, will become president of the Lingnan University upon its inauguration under Chinese regime. It is understood that Mr. Chung Wing Kwong and Mr. Y. L. Lee will have to give a great deal of time to the financial interests of the institution. It is hoped to secure an endowment of \$1,000,000. A part of this sum has already been procured by the American Board of Trustees in New York, but the new Chinese management will have to work hard in order to complete the amount.

According to newspaper comment the talk of a "crime wave" in Canton is nothing but a malicious attempt to discredit the Government administration. It is pointed out, for instance, that Sunday last was almost a "perfect day," only three cases of robbery and one of bomb throwing being reported. There is a rumour that the extremists are being instructed by their leaders to use bombs to settle their differences with their opponents if arbitration "fails."

## THE ANCIENT CHINESE ART OF LACQUER DECORATION.

## FIVE YEARS' WORK ON FOUR PANEL SCREEN.

## "A WELL-GUARDED SECRET."

The lacquer-ware industry is a well-guarded secret and although there are many very fair artists in the Fukien districts and some in Japan, they are by no means so well acquainted with this fine art as the descendants of the Shen Shao An Lang Kee family of Foochow. This family has closely guarded the secret which transforms silk into a solid material, and from which many beautiful and artistic things are made.

An example of this beautiful art may now be seen at the show-rooms of Messrs. Komor and Komor, where there is a screen with four panels, whose artistic beauty baffles description. It took no less than five years to complete.

The ground work of this screen is in red and gold, and the numerous ornamental stand out in beautiful contrast. The back of the panel is in a deep black, on which there are 108 characters in gold, setting out in many different ways how "Long Life and Happiness" may be expressed.

## THE TROOPS.

## CAMP LEFT DURING RAIN.

## "ASSAYE" TO BE MADE AMBULANCE SHIP.

Good progress has been made with regard to the billeting accommodation for units of the Shanghai Defence Force now in Hong Kong.

The fitting out of the Peninsula Hotel, in particular, is almost complete, and when the weather makes a move from camp necessary everything will be ready.

British troops, detachments of the R.A.S.C. and the Royal Artillery, were forced to evacuate their camp at Chatham Road, Kowloon, on Monday evening, owing to the rain which swamped them out.

Some 350 men were accommodated at the Peninsula hotel and they were also there last night, moving out again in the morning. The present arrangements are for them to spend the nights in the hotel while the wet weather lasts.

Two hundred horses and mules were landed by the s.s. *Bellerophon* on Monday, the only troops disembarking being two Pack Batteries of the Royal Artillery.

The *Bellerophon* leaves to-morrow for Shanghai with an Armoured Car Co., and ten armoured cars.

## An Ambulance Ship.

It was mentioned some time ago that the military transport s.s. *Assaye* was likely to be converted into an ambulance and hospital ship. This is going to be done, and the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co. have secured the tender and are now under contract to carry out the necessary work of conversion.

Yesterday morning tugs went alongside the *Assaye* to berth her in the Kowloon dockyard.

By working double shifts, the conversion will take about three weeks.

## FAKED NOTES

## CHINESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION AND UTTERING.

A Chinese appeared on remand before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being in unlawful possession of a faked ten-dollar bank note, and also with attempting to utter the same in Gage Street. A further charge was preferred against the defendant for having in his possession another note of the same denomination and with passing it to the same stall on March 7th.

A plea of "not guilty" was entered on the defendant's behalf by Mr. F. E. Nash.

The stallholder said accused passed one bad note at his stall on the night of March 7th and received change for it. On the night of the 11th he came again and tried to pass another bad note, and recognising the accused witness gave him in charge.

After cross-examination by Mr. Nash in which witness said he had no doubt accused was the man who passed the first note at his stall, the case was remanded until this morning.

## KNITTING MACHINES IN COURT.

## CHARGE AGAINST DEFENDANTS WITHDRAWN.

When the case in which two Chinese were charged with being in possession of two knitting machines, stolen from the owners, was brought on remand before Mr. W. Schofield yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy, the prosecution intimated that the complainant had decided to withdraw the charge.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, for the complainants, who carries on business at No. 85, Bonham Strand East, said that his clients lost the machines last year, but with the help of the Police the defendants were found to be in possession of them. Later information showed that the machines were taken by some unknown person who pawned them and they had been sold to the defendants. Mr. d'Almada said he was satisfied that the defendants had acted in good faith and he wished to withdraw the case.

His Worship took this course, giving as his opinion that defendants acted without any guilty knowledge. The machines were returned to defendants.

## A KOWLOON MURDER CHARGE.

## TWO MEN AND TWO WOMEN REMANDED.

Two men and two women were brought before Mr. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday on a charge of murdering a man on February 24th at Au Pui Lung. The case was adjourned till Tuesday at 10 a.m.

## LATE MRS. BELILIOS' WILL.

## LEAVES SEVEN LAKHS; REQUEST TO JERUSALEM SYNAGOGUE.

## WISH THAT GRANDSONS MARRY JEWEESSES.

Probate has been granted of the will of the late Mrs. Seemah Belilios, who died at the King Edward Hotel, on November 28th, last year, and who was at the time of her death thought to be the oldest resident of the Colony. She was 90 years of age.

Deceased left estate in Hong Kong to the value of \$707,200. She was the widow of Mr. E. R. Belilios, C.M.G. Probate of her will has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, executor and trustee under the will, and to Mr. D. S. Gubbay, of Messrs. E. D. Sassoon & Co. Mr. C. A. Hooper, the third executor, has renounced probate. Mrs. Belilios bequeathed 1,000 rupees to her late father's Synagogue, the Margan David Synagogue of Calcutta, and 25,000 rupees to the Talmit Torai (teaching houses) in Calcutta for clothing and educating poor Jewish children.

The residue of her estate, after allowing for the above bequests and expenses, she has bequeathed to the principal Jewish Synagogue in Jerusalem, to be invested by the governing body in such securities as they may think fit, and to apply the annual income in succouring the poor, needy and infirm in Jerusalem.

She has further directed the executors to request the governing body of the principal Synagogue in Jerusalem that they will of their charity, for a period of one year after her death, cause prayers to be said in the Synagogue for the repose of her soul, and during the same period cause a lamp to be burnt day and night before the Holy Table in the Synagogue. She has also directed the executors to erect a white marble tombstone over her grave.

## The Jewish Faith.

The will states:—"It is my earnest desire that my grandsons, the sons of my late son, shall, when they come of marriageable age, marry in order, so far as may be practicable, to perpetuate my late husband's name and ensure the maintenance of our family name; and that each of them shall take a wife of Jewish faith and descent, and also that they keep the faith of their grandfather and the faith of their grandfather and great-grandfather."

Providing these grand-children marry in accordance with this expressed wish wives of Jewish faith and descent, they are granted respectively, a diamond brooch and tiara (for Lionel) and a ruby necklace and ruby and diamond head ornament (for Nigel).

To her daughter, Sally Judah, and Hannah Judah, deceased leaves 50,000 rupees each; to her sister, Dinah Raphael Gubbay, of Calcutta, 2,000 rupees for mourning; and to her grand-daughter Kitty Judah 5,000 rupees for remembrance and mourning.

## SEVEN FRESH CASES OF SMALL-POX.

## LAST WEEK'S DISEASE NOTIFICATIONS.

The health return for the past weeks shows there were seven fresh cases of small-pox reported, all Chinese, of which three were imported. There were nine deaths from this disease during the week. Seven cases of typhoid (two fatal) were also notified, these comprising four Chinese, two British and one Japanese. A non-fatal Japanese case of para-typhoid fever was also reported as well as two non-fatal cases of diptheria (one British and one Chinese).

There was one death from influenza, and one rabid dog was destroyed.

The return for Monday shows three Chinese cases of small-pox (one imported) and two Chinese occurrences of typhoid.

## POLICE EFFICIENCY PARADE.

## PROMPT AND SMART TURN-OUT.

Some excitement was caused at the Central Police Station Compound yesterday morning when the general alarm was sounded at 10.15 a.m. European, Indian and Chinese police officers turned out, full equipped, within a very short time and paraded in the compound to answer the roll call.

The turn-out was "very smart and reflects great credit" on the training the men had received. The alarm was sounded solely as a test.

## THE MID-LEVELS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL MEETING AT LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

## USEFUL YEAR'S WORK.

The Second Annual General Meeting of the Mid-Levels Residents' Association, was held yesterday at the Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, when a fair number of members was present considering the weather.

Mr. W. A. Dowley (Vice-Chairman) presided in the absence of the Chairman, and he was supported by Mr. W. Walter G. Joseph, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and other members of the Committee.

Mr. Dowley presented the report of the Committee for the past year.

## The Report.

The report was as follows:—"Since the formation of the Association 94 members have been enrolled. The present membership is 69, the reduction being due to departures from the Colony and other causes."

Funds.—The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer's statement of account shows a balance in hand on December 31st, 1926, of \$106.79. Owing to 27 members still being in arrears with their subscriptions for 1926, the expenditure for the period under review shows an excess over income of \$9.82. As the income of the Association will not permit of the employment of a staff, it is earnestly hoped that in the future members will kindly forward their subscriptions to the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, as soon as possible after the receipt of the first demand for same.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS.—Several meetings of the Committee have been held during the period under review.

BUSINESS.—The committee have brought to the notice of the Government several matters, such as the provision of a children's playground near May Road station, the difficulty of obtaining taxi cabs by telephone, the better lighting of Trezunter Path and the use by coolies of the benches near May Road station, all of which are receiving sympathetic consideration. In response to representations the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., have met the wants of residents using May Road Station by providing adequate shelter there.

It may appear that the Committee have concentrated on matters for the benefit of residents on the May Road level only. It is therefore hoped that members resident on the mid levels other than May Road will bring to the notice of the Committee any matters on their particular level which they consider can be usefully dealt with by the Association. Unfortunately this Association is not in the happy position of the Peak Residents' Association and the Kowloon Residents' Association, who having a wider sphere for their operations, are able to show a much greater result for their labours. We shall only be happy to be placed in a similar position and any suggestion, no matter how small, will always receive ready and sympathetic consideration by the Committee.

The Committee extend their cordial thanks to the Committee of the Ladies' Recreation Club for the use of their Club room for this meeting, to Mr. T. A. Martin for auditing the accounts and to the local press for their interest in the Association's activities. In conclusion the Committee express the hope that members will help them by inducing their friends to join the Association and by thus increasing its membership make it worthy of its existence.

Mr. Joseph then submitted details of the accounts showing a balance on the year's working of \$3.82. There was a sum of \$109.79 cash in hand.

On the motion of Acting Chairman, seconded by Mr. C. P. Marsel, the report and statement of accounts were unanimously passed.

## Election of Officers.

Subsequently, the following were unanimously elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, Mr. W. A. Dowley; Vice-Chairman, Mr. C. P. Marsel; General Committee, Mrs. G. J. Harman, Miss Russell, and Messrs. A. L. Shields, J. H. Backhouse, E. S. C. Brooks, J. H. Brister and T. A. Martin. Mr. Walter G. Joseph was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

## Other Matters.

Mr. Brooks asked about the children's playground on May Road. The Hon. Secretary replied that the Association was still in correspondence with the Government about it.

Miss Russell, residing in MacDonald Road, called attention to the fact that it was very difficult for residents there to get a chair after 7 p.m.

Mr. Shields asked if the Association had approached the Government about opening a motor road to May Road. He said that if the names of the many residents desiring it were kept before the Government, it would not be long before such a road was constructed.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. Dowley.

## "HANOI" PIRACY SUSPECT.

## EVIDENCE TAKEN YESTERDAY.

## "STILL AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS FROM INDO-CHINA."

After several remands, the case against the Chinese alleged to have participated in the piracy of the s.s. Hanoi on November 11th, last year, was heard yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy.

Evidence by the chief cook of the vessel was to the effect that he remembered the piracy but could not recall the date. He was in the kitchen when gun firing was heard at about four or five o'clock. He came out of the galley and near the alleyway leading to the engine room, he saw one of the Annamite guards struggling with two robbers. One of the pirates saw witness and fired at him. He was hit in the upper lip and his jaw injured. Another pirate shot the guard through the head. He could not say whether the guard was killed or not, but he had never seen the man again.

Continuing, witness said that about an hour later, a robber came into the galley and ordered food. In all he saw about two pirates, but said he could not identify anyone as the piracy had occurred so long ago. The ship was then taken to Bias Bay. The next day they came into Hong Kong, where he was sent to Hospital.

The next witness, an Annamite seaman, said that when he heard shots fired, he hid in his quarters with another two of the crew. They remained there through the piracy, but when the ship was nearing Bias Bay, they were ordered to throw the corpse of the guard overboard. If he had refused, he would himself have been shot. The dead man had a bullet wound in his head. Witness was unable to identify any one of the pirates.

Det. Sergt. Macdonald in his evidence said that the defendant was arrested on December 27th at Mongkok in the course of an arms raid. All the men found on the premises, including the defendant, were searched. On the accused's body, some jewellery was found and he was arrested. The police had previously received information that certain Hanoi pirates were hiding at Mongkok, and the finding of the jewellery on the accused led to his being suspected. On the 31st the accused figured in two identification parades at Central Station and he was identified without hesitation by a member of the Hanoi crew.

Replying to his Worship, Chief Detective Inspector Murphy said the jewellery found on the accused had not been identified or claimed by anybody.

In asking for a further week's remand Inspector Murphy explained that the police had received unhelpful information that the papers were late in arriving because the Governor of Indo-China was away at present and there was no one to sign the prisoner's requisition.

In granting a further remand until 10 a.m. on March 22nd the Magistrate said if no papers arrived by April 9th the accused would have to go before the Criminal Sessions.

## A DEAL IN LEATHER.

## FOKI POCKETED PROCEEDS AND DISAPPEARED.

## PURCHASER HELD ON RECEIVING CHARGE.

A somewhat complicated case involving 100 pieces of leather was heard yesterday before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy. A foki of the Kwok Tai Leather Co. at Des Voeux Road West, was charged with the theft of the leather and the master of a clog-maker at Yaumati was charged with receiving the stolen property.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for the prosecution, and the second defendant was represented by Mr. D. McCallum.

Outlining the case, Mr. Lo said that the Kwok Tai Leather Co. having a big stock of leather on their hands opened a branch store at Yaumati. The branch store sent a foki over to the principal store for 50 pieces of leather, but the man asked for 100 pieces. After obtaining the leather he took it to a clog-maker at Yaumati, the second defendant, to whom he sold it for \$382.

The first defendant who had accompanied the real thief was given \$15, and the latter decamped. The former reported the matter to the police, and Mr. Lo suggested that the charge against him be dropped; he was only a lad and had been made a scapegoat.

Major Willson consented to the lad's discharge.

As to the other defendant, Mr. Lo said that it was obvious that the man had guilty knowledge. The goods were bought and paid for. Defendant should have asked for a receipt and an invoice of the goods from the store who had sold it, but this was not done. Assuming that the man was innocent, the irregularity of the deal should have at once struck him when the prices were compared. No less than \$479.90 had been paid for the goods and on the same day they were sold to the defendant for far less sum.

After further evidence had been taken, the case was adjourned till Friday afternoon.

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By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,  
Hon. Secy.  
Hong Kong, March 15th, 1927. [4083]

## OFFICIAL NOTICE.

## PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

WE, YING WAH LIGHTER & TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD., of 87, CONNOR STREET, WEST, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of Change of Ownership we have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the unregistered Chinese Ship "YING WAH," of Hong Kong, Official Number 152447, of Gross Tonnage 27.38 Tons, Register Tonnage 24.30 Tons, heretofore owned by TSIU TIN SHAU, for the permission to change her name to "SAI CHEUNG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by YING WAH LIGHTER & TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD.

Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong, within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 12th day of March, 1927.  
(Signed) for YING WAH LIGHTER & TRANSPORTATION CO., LTD.  
[4683] TSUI YAN SHAN.

## THE HONG KONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, CRISTE'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 29th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

THE SHARE REGISTERS and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 28th MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager  
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927. [4684]

## SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., on FRIDAY, 18th MARCH, 1927, at 5.30 p.m.

For the following Purposes:—  
(a) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.  
(b) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing Year.  
(c) To consider the manner in which St. George's Day shall be celebrated.  
(d) To transact any other Business of which due notice has been given.

All members are requested to attend.  
R. E. GREENSMITH,  
Hon. Secretary  
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1927. [4671]

## THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on MONDAY, the 28th MARCH, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

THE SHARE REGISTERS and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 28th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

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## HONGKONG ENGINEERING &amp; CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

## NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held in the Office of Messrs. SHAW, ROSS & CO., St. George's Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended on the 31st December, 1926, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 22nd MARCH, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
S. COURTNEY COOK,  
Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 8th March 1927. [4633]

## THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th MARCH, 1927, to the 23rd MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board,  
LOOK POONG SHAN,  
Chief Manager,  
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4645]

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its re-formation) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 17th DAY of MARCH, to MONDAY, the 28th DAY of MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers,  
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4674]

## THE DAIRY FARM, ICE &amp; COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, relating to a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 26th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
J. D. T. O'M-ON,  
Acting Secretary,  
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [4672]

## THE CHINA LIGHT &amp; POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO. (1918), LTD., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, St. George's Building, 4th Floor, Hong Kong, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the THIRTIETH DAY of MARCH, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and adopting a Resolution with regard to an Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification 'subscribed by the Chairman' thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution 'for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof.'"

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Same Place on THURSDAY, the TWENTY-FIRST DAY of APRIL, 1927, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings of the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A Copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and a list of the persons who have been during usual Business Hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 12th day of March, 1927.  
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
[4675]

## INTIMATIONS.

## NOTICE.

IN THE ESTATE OF ISAAC SAMUEL PERRY, DECEASED.

ALL Persons having Claims against the Estate of the above named Decedent are Requested to forward Particulars thereof to the Underigned. Dated the 15th day of March, 1927.

DEACONS,  
Solicitors for the Executors,  
1, Des Voeux Road Central,  
Hong Kong.

NICHOLSON  
U.S.A.

TAKE NOTICE that it has come to the knowledge of the NICHOLSON FILE COMPANY or UNITED STATES AMERICA, the Proprietors of the above Trade-mark, that FILES have been Sold in Hong Kong bearing a Similar Mark manufactured by Firms other than the NICHOLSON FILE COMPANY.

On the 11th Instant in the Magistracy at Hong Kong two Dealers who had been exposing such Spurious Files for Sale were convicted and fined \$50 each and their Stocks of Spurious Files were confiscated.

Dealers and Others are WARNED that Legal Proceedings will be instituted at once against Anyone Selling Files bearing Infringements of the above Trade-mark.

WILKINSON & GRIST,  
Solicitors for  
NICHOLSON FILE COMPANY,  
Hong Kong, March 14th, 1927. [4678]

## BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

## PUBLIC AUCTION

## OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at VICTORIA HONG KONG, and known as SECTION B or INLAND LOT NO. 67, Together with the Messuage known as No. 4, CHANBURY LANE erected thereon.

Area: 1627.8 Square Feet or thereabouts. Proportion of Annual Crown Rent: \$450;  
To be Sold IN ONE LOT.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION ON WEDNESDAY, THE 16th DAY OF MARCH, 1927, At 3 o'clock P.M., AT THE CHINA AUCTION ROOMS, DUNDRELL SQUARE, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, Apply to—  
Messrs. JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
PRINCE'S BUILDING, HONG KONG, or to  
Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer,  
Hong Kong, 4th March, 1927. [4631]

## TO LET.

NO. 4A, DUNDRELL STREET. Apply to—  
T. H. H. SECRETARY,  
CLUB LUSITANO.  
[4614]

## TO LET FURNISHED.

NO. 1, TREGUNTER MANSIONS, MAY ROAD, for a Period of Nine Months from 1st MARCH NEXT. For further Particulars Apply to  
HENRY HUMPHREYS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.  
[4682]

P. & O. BUILDING Commodious Offices TO LET. For particulars Apply to—  
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.  
[4686]

FOR SALE—SUNBEAM LANDAUETTE, 1924 Model. Thoroughly Overhauled in London. Inspection at HONGKONG HOTEL GARAGE—Apply Messrs. DEACONS.  
[4680]

NURSE WANTED for Boy, 4 Years of Age—Apply: Mrs. FRANKS, SUPERINTENDENT'S HOUSE, VICTORIA GARD.  
[4682]

## PREPAID "WANTED" ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET, No. 11, CONDUIT ROAD. Apply—WO FAT SING, 81, WINGLOK ST. TEL. No. C. 5.  
[4229]

## INTIMATIONS.

## DEWAR'S

## "WHITE LABEL"

## FINEST

## SCOTCH WHISKY

## OF GREAT AGE.

## Awarded 50 Gold and Prize Medals.

## "VICTORIA VAT"

## THE VERY FINEST OLD SCOTCH WHISKY

## As supplied to the Houses of Lords and Commons.

## SOLE AGENTS:

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

## HONG KONG DISPENSARY.

## DEATHS.

MARQUES DA SILVA—On March 10th, at Shanghai, Mrs. MARIA FRANK, widow of MARQUES DA SILVA, aged 75 years.

MERRIMAN—On March 10th, at Shanghai, IRENE CARPENTER MERRIMAN, widow of the late WILLIAM LANE MERRIMAN.

PALMER—On March 10th, at Shanghai, ERNEST RICHARD PALMER (Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co.) in his 55th year.

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Rd.  
London Office: 131, Fleet St., E.C.

## The Daily Press.

## HONG KONG, MARCH 16th, 1927.

## ROUND THE WORLD TOURISTS.

The type of person who usually makes these "round the world" holiday trips, is obviously the successful business man. Upon the eve of retirement he rewards himself for the years of strenuous commercial enterprise by a pleasure jaunt to countries of which previously he probably knew nothing but the name. It is a form of relaxation which, at any rate, has the merit of being informative as well as distracting. The idea, presumably, is to furnish the mind against the eventless days ahead with a store of pleasing memories which can be recalled and reflected upon at leisure or recounted to the admiring friendly circle at home.

There is, however, always a touch of pathos in everything that marks the close of an epoch, and the transition from a life of business activity to a life of repose is generally too abrupt to pass unnoted. Very often the break with routine brings nothing but a feeling of regret and we doubt whether even a trip round the world satisfactorily bridges the gulf for the man of affairs. Certainly the journey will be disappointing unless it

is undertaken from a profound interest in the customs, art, culture and the natural beauty of other countries than our own for what we see of other places largely depends upon what we look for. The best results can only be obtained after a long period of study of these things. If we are simply endeavouring to satisfy that consuming curiosity to know what is at the other side of the hill which is fundamental in our nature the results are generally voted "not worth while." What can one take from Athens who has not captured the spirit of Greek culture, or from Rome who is entirely ignorant of Roman history. Nothing except one or two picture postcards, a few curios and possibly a new shirt.

A tour of the world, pursued in the right spirit, should, of course, be a never ending source of wonder and joy. We can imagine the serious student revelling in the new experiences. But it is not often that the student has the opportunity of making the trip. As we have said, it is the hard headed, active business man who has accumulated sufficient cash by his industrious pursuit of commerce who usually seeks this easy way to dispose of his leisure. And apart from the unpreparedness of the mind, the journey in his case often comes too late to correspond with the hopes based upon it. The rest for quiet enjoyment is past, the habit of work has become engrained and what is probably regarded as enforced idleness produces little but ennui. Moreover, the individual who has mastered the art of accumulating wealth seldom or never acquires the art of spending it wisely. In fact the spending frequently causes as much pain as the gathering of it caused pleasure. We have only to study the wills of wealthy men to realize the poverty of imagination that is displayed when the distribution of the fortune has to be undertaken.

It is these facts, which possibly account for the failure of our world tourists to be more than temporarily impressed with what they see in such a place as Hong Kong. They pursue their sightseeing as though it were a duty rather than a pleasure. Perhaps also the aim of the promoters to relieve the tourist of even a modicum of responsibility leads to over organisation and to the curtailment of the personal freedom which is essential to appreciation. The interest of individuals in places, customs and peoples is never identical and so cannot be satisfied by mass arrangements. However, if the strange things seen, heard or experienced, even perfunctorily, stimulate the desire for more and fuller knowledge the tour must not be regarded as altogether without value. The traveller upon his return may attempt to satisfy still further the interests aroused and, in so doing, will have something in addition to golf—with which to console his declining years.

The small Chinese boy reported missing at the Portland Street fire has been found uninjured.

Following a quarrel with her husband, a Chinese woman on Monday took an over-dose of opium. She was taken to hospital.

Thieves broke a lock of the Taxi-cab Company's godown at Percival Street, Wanchai, on Monday night, and stole some metal bearings, valued at \$181.

Eight men armed with revolvers and daggers broke into a stonecutters' match at Lung Kwai Shan, Pingshan district, on Sunday night, and stole property worth \$48.

Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University) will preside at the annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College this evening at 5.15.

A Chinese cook employed at No. 4, Armand Building, Kowloon, has reported the theft of his purse containing \$80 to the Police. It was left under his pillow.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Major C. Willson, a Chinese chauffeur for failing to stop after a motor accident on February 28th, in Queen's Road Central, was fined \$10.

While Mr. Melcher (of Messrs. Melcher & Co.) was bathing on Sunday afternoon, between two and four o'clock, in front of his villa "Long Light," at Jubilee Road, a thief stole his Goers camera.

Among the passengers who left by the s.s. *President Grant* for the North were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hawker, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Suckling, Mr. T. G. Weall, Mr. C. Gordon Mackie, E. A. Yates, and Mr. W. M. Stevens.

While at work in Bonham Road on Monday afternoon a wireman employed by the Electric Company suffered a fall through the ladder on which he was standing slipping off a telephone post. He injured his left kidney and was taken to the Homioli Hospital.

A young Serbian, named George Petroff, is being held by the police on a charge of obtaining \$30 in notes, by means of an alleged trick. He was arrested at Kowloon at 3 p.m. on Monday, and was remanded by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

We are informed that a special licence has been granted to the Theatre Royal for this evening's performance of the Tang Bang Lien Company of Chinese magicians and acrobats. The bar, which will be accommodated in the room adjoining the stage entrance, will be under the direction of the management of the King Edward Hotel.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese lad was charged with stealing a saw from a contractor's van in Aberdeen. The lad's excuse was that he stole it in order that his friend, who was very hungry, should pawn it and buy a meal. The defendant was sentenced to receive eight strokes and his "hungry friend" who was charged with receiving stolen property, was given the same punishment.

Known as the "The Coal 'Ole," the latest innovation at the Hotel Savoy has been opened. The whole of the spacious basement, has been equipped and furnished for serving "snacks" and other refreshments at all hours. Included in the scheme is a billiard table, and the general appointments lend an air of quaintness and comfort. The entrance is in Ice House Street, on the Des Voeux Road side of the main hotel entrance.

Mr. G. W. Coysh, Deputy Shipping Master, Hong Kong, leaves for Home by the s.s. *Montgolfier* on Saturday for a ten months' holiday. Mr. Coysh has been for more than 32 years in the Government Service, having joined the Royal Navy in 1895, transferring to the Colonial Service in 1904. He was appointed Deputy Shipping Master in 1920, and is now held that post. During the absence of Mr. Coysh from the Colony, Captain Bayliss will carry out the duties of his office.

The death occurred at Shanghai last Thursday of Mr. Ernest Richard Palmer, accountant of the Shanghai Mutual Telephone Co., after an illness of some duration. Mr. Palmer was a resident of Shanghai for nearly 35 years, and was in his 55th year. He arrived at Shanghai in 1888 to take up the secretaryship of Messrs. Hall and Holtz, Ltd., and remained with them until 1910, in which year he joined the Telephone Company. He was a prominent Mason; being Past District Grand Warden, and Past Master.

Wong Lum, a Chinese youth who works at the Naval Yard, was yesterday morning, sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindsell to fourteen days' hard labour for assaulting his step-mother. It appears that his step-mother had just come to the Colony from Haiphong and the two did not get on very well together. One day the woman struck the lad and he retaliated with a hammer. The boy's father, who appeared in Court, stated that he could not keep his son under control; in fact, he had no use for him. Mr. Lindsell remarked that he had no right to strike a woman.

## OBITUARY.

## C.P.O. A. A. STEPHENS OF H.M.S. "CARLISLE"

News has been received here of the death at Shanghai on March 14th, of Chief Petty Officer Archibald Alexander Stephens, of H.M.S. *Carlisle*. He passed away after a nine days' illness of pneumonia.

Deceased was only 24 years of age, and had made many friends in Hong Kong whilst the *Carlisle* was stationed here.

He was well-known at the European Y.M.C.A. Kowloon, and was an earnest Theosophist, being a member of the Hong Kong Lodge of the Theosophical Society.

He leaves a mother, Mrs. C. A. Stephens, Deltawara Lodge, York Road, Wigmore, Kent.

## OPTIMISM ROUTS PESSIMISM.

## LIVELY DISCUSSION AT ST. PETER'S CLUB.

## TWO SCHOOLBOY DEFINITIONS.

"That Experience Justifies Pessimism" was the motion put before a meeting at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club, Bonham Road, last evening, where a large assembly of members and visitors gathered, despite the inclemency of the weather, to discuss this "important" topic.

To Mr. E. R. Price was entrusted the task of opening for the motion, and in an eloquent address he advanced many arguments, gave quotations and dipped into history in order to support his claim that the general experience of life justified pessimism. He emphasised that the more one studied life, the more it was found to be a delusion. Was life not just a matter of coming and going? he asked. Had the human race got anywhere? Every science seemed to be for the purpose of killing; and it was difficult to say that civilisation had made life more tolerable or happy. The telephone, and similar annoyances had not added anything to the pleasure of life. Outwardly we were civilised, but primitive instincts remained; and intellectually we had got nowhere.

Opposing the motion, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, said that many years ago he had defined a pessimist as a person who looked through glasses smoked on both sides and spotted in the middle. He saw no reason to change this opinion in spite of a very hard life in his youth, and a strenuous time since. He had, in fact, more faith in life and the future now than before. He remembered a saying that the old man is the optimist and the young man the cynic. His whole opinion was that pessimism was by no means justified facts. They had advanced far since the neolithic days.

Seconding Mr. Price, Mr. Sands quoted Webster's dictionary on the meaning of pessimism, stating that in this respect the dictionary stated that the pains of life overbalanced happiness. There was an enormous surplus of pain over pleasure.

Supporting the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, the Rev. W. R. Connell, M.A., congratulated the opposition on their optimism, and said that it took courage to support a cause in which they did not believe. He suggested that if the pessimist put more into life he would get more out of it.

## MEMBERS' OPINIONS.

A lively debate followed, speeches for and against the motion being spiced with humour.

Mr. T. J. Price said that he had a blend of both pessimism and optimism. The ideal, he thought, was to hope for success, but be prepared for failure.

Another speaker held that experience justified the belief that conditions in the future would be much better than in the past. He referred to what he claimed were better conditions in the labour world than before, both as regarded shorter hours, and better wages.

One might say that conditions in Hong Kong, such as the child labour question, sanitation, housing and the sleepers' cell, justified pessimism, but Hong Kong is a small place, and the world a large place. Therefore Hong Kong could take an example from the rest of the world, and make improvements.

Mr. Wittenbach held that they needed optimism, but not so much that they forgot to look at the sores on their feet.

Following replies by Mr. E. R. Price and the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonachie, the Chairman passed the remarks of the speakers and two schoolboy definitions were (1) an optimist was a woman who married two husbands, and (2) an optimist attends to the eyes, and a pessimist attends to your feet.

On the motion "That experience justifies pessimism" being put to the meeting, seven voted for, but there was an overwhelming majority against, and the motion was declared lost.

## PROPERTY SALE.

## HO MUN TIN LAND.

At the China Auction Rooms yesterday afternoon, Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa sold a leasehold property, situated at Ho Mun Tin, Kowloon, which is two undivided fourth parts or shares of and in Section A of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1737.

The property is held for the unexpired residue of a term of 75 years with a right of renewal for a further term of 75 years from March 10th, 1924.

The annual Crown rent for the whole of Section A is \$500, and the area of the whole of Section A is 26,250 square feet.

The upset price was \$1,000, with bids of \$200 acceptable. Bidding progressed at this rate until \$3,200 was reached, for which sum Mr. Sam Pang Tei, of No. 4a, High Street, became the purchaser.



STATE OF AFFAIRS  
AT WUHU.CIVIL AUTHORITIES FLEE  
FROM THE TOWN.LAW COURTS REPORTED  
WRECKED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WUHU, March 14th.  
With the departure for Taiping of both General Wang Pu and General Chien Ching, who have taken most of their troops with them, the city is now in the hands of some sort of Kuomintang Committee.

Most of the civil authorities have fled from the town, and those who remained have been molested.

The Law Courts are reported to have been broken into and wrecked, while the Second Police Officer was maltreated and dragged through the streets of the town. The Senior Police Officer has vanished.

INTERFERING WITH A  
SOCOY LAUNCH.U.S. WARSHIP, FIRED AT,  
REPLIES WITH MACHINE  
GUNS.

## INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 14th.  
Chinese soldiers on the 13th inst. interfered with a Socoy launch near Wuhu. The U.S.S. *Preble* went to her assistance and put an armed party aboard. Later, while she was escorting the launch, soldiers fired on the vessel, 12 miles from Wuhu. The *Preble's* bridge was hit twice, but there were no casualties. The *Preble* replied with machine guns.

The American Consul at Hankow has been instructed by the U.S. Legation to investigate and, if it finds that the Nationalists are responsible, to lodge a protest.

## THE LOOTING AT KIUKIANG.

COMPENSATION FOR THOSE  
WHO SUSTAINED DAMAGE

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. W. Looker, Sir A. Chamberlain said the Government would distribute among those British subjects who had sustained damage owing to the looting at Kiukiang, the money paid by the Nationalist authorities, as compensation thereon.

## "SQUEEZED OUT."

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 15th.  
It is reported that Mr. George Hsu Chien, a "Red" leader, has been "squeezed out" by the moderates and has been compelled to leave Hankow on a journey to Europe, under the pretext of a mission to investigate judicial systems there.

## OUTER MONGOLIA.

CLAIMED BY THE SOVIET  
GOVERNMENT.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 15th.  
The Soviet Government has authorised a Government printing company to publish a new Russian atlas in which the Outer Mongolian territory is drawn annexed to Russia. In view of this the Peking Government has lodged a strong protest with the Soviet Government.

A FENCIBLE VICTORY  
IN HONAN.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 15th.  
According to Fengtienese official reports, the Fengtienese in Honan took Chungmao on the 12th inst. [Chungmao is a city situated between Kaifeng and Changchow, and a strategic point which the Honanese had strongly fortified.]

KUOMINTANG GENERAL  
AND SHANGHAI.A LETTER TO THE FOREIGN  
CONSULS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 15th.  
General Ho Ying Yam, Commander of the Kuomintang 1st Army Corps, has written to the Foreign Consuls in Shanghai to the effect that, the Nationalist Government hopes that the Powers will keep strict neutrality. He adds that the Nationalist Government has never cherished any intention of taking back the Settlements in Shanghai by force; and that it will be responsible for the protection of life and property of foreign residents as soon as the Kuomintang forces arrive there. In case the civil war spreads to Shanghai, they will assume full responsibility for protecting foreigners. The General hopes that foreign troops will not extend their defence line outside the Concession boundaries.

BRITISH CONCESSIONS IN  
CHINA.QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE  
OF COMMONS.

THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy (Labour) Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Municipality of the International Settlement of Shanghai had not offered to pay any part of the cost of the Shanghai Defence Force nor had he approached them thereon. All the Powers interested had made their own preparations, naval or military, for the defence of their subjects. Doubtless all had incurred expense in so doing, but so far as he knew none of them had approached the municipality.

Commander Kenworthy urged that "this very wealthy community, who paid no British taxes" should be approached to meet some part of the cost.

Col. Wedgwood declared the cost to the British taxpayer was going far to exceed the cost to the other nationalities concerned, and that we were bearing the brunt of the expenditure.

Sir A. Chamberlain, in reply, emphasised that the steps we had taken were for the protection of British nationals.

Mr. Locker asked whether the position of His Majesty's Government, as landlord from the Chinese Government of land, comprised British Concessions in China and whether the position of the sub-leases of such land from the British Government and the rights of both parties under the leases, would be in any way affected by the Agreements entered into at Hankow and Kiukiang or whether any arrangements were contemplated with regard to other British Concessions in China.

Sir A. Chamberlain replied that His Majesty's Government was now examining the whole question with the object of ensuring that the interests of the sub-leases would not be prejudiced by any arrangements that might be entered.

THE ATTEMPT TO ENTER  
THE SETTLEMENT.SHANTUNG GENERAL  
EXPLAINS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 14th.  
General Pi Shou Chen called on General Duncan and in the course of a friendly conversation it came out clearly that the attempt of his troops to enter the Settlement last Saturday was due to misunderstanding. General Pi stated it was his desire to maintain law and order in the Shanghai area.

## THE SINGAPORE INCIDENT.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE  
OF COMMONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
Replying to Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, read the Governor's report on the disturbance at Singapore on the occasion of the celebration of the death of Sun Yat Sen, in which it was stated that the mob attempted to rush the police who were compelled to fire. Seven Chinese were killed and 14 wounded. One European inspector of police, four Native police, and one Native tram conductor were wounded. The town was now quiet.

Mr. Pethick-Lawrence asked if it would not have been possible to disperse the mob without the use of lethal weapons?

Mr. Amery said he presumed those considerations were in the mind of the police.

Mr. Oswald Mosley asked whether no other warning had been given before the firing, and Mr. Amery said that he presumed so, but that he had no information.

ALSATIANS AND "GERMAN  
INTERFERENCE."AN OPEN LETTER TO GERMAN  
NATIONALIST LEADER.

PLAIN SPEAKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

STRASSBURG, March 14th.  
The leading Alsation, Catholic organ *El Saecker* publishes an open letter to Count Westarp, the German Nationalist Leader. The letter declares that Alsations are all agreed to reject any German interference in Alsace and Lorraine affairs, which only concern France. It adds that when Count Westarp has the audacity to talk of Alsace and Lorraine he simply excites the Alsations' unbounded indignation.

THE INDIAN TRAIN  
"DISASTER."

THE CASUALTIES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CALCUTTA, March 14th.  
It is officially reported that the Bhadrak casualties in the train collision are 14 killed, 23 seriously and 25 slightly injured. The engines of both trains were badly damaged.

SOVIET'S GOVERNMENT  
AND THE CANTONESE  
REGIME.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

WASHINGTON, March 14th.  
It is rumoured in diplomatic circles that the Soviet Government had decided upon the *de facto* recognition of the Cantonese regime at Hankow. No confirmation of the report is available at the State Department.

AN UNWELCOME VISITOR  
TO HAITI.U.S. SENATOR REGARDED AS  
AN "UNDESIRABLE."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 14th.  
Political circles are keenly interested in the dilemma confronting Mr. Kellogg, Secretary of the State Department, regarding the case of Senator King, who is now at Porto Rico preparing to sail to Haiti. The President of the Republic, Borno, has refused to permit Mr. King to enter Haiti as an "undesirable," presumably on account of Mr. King's persistent attacks on the present state of affairs there and his criticism of President Borno. Political opponents of the Coolidge Administration claim that President Borno's attitude is very likely the result of hints given to him from Washington, where it is claimed that Mr. King's visit is regarded with little favour, as was Senator Borah's proposed trip to Nicaragua.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S  
CONFERENCE.FURTHER EFFORT TO INDUCE  
FRANCE TO PARTICIPATE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 14th.  
A further effort to persuade France to participate in President Coolidge's Disarmament Conference is being made by the United States Government, who have handed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a Note replying to France's objections. The Note, which concludes by inviting France to be represented "in some way" at the proposed conference, intimates that each participating Power could come with a programme which might seem fit to it, and points out that the Conference so far from injuring can only help the League of Nations, who are at present considering disarmament problems.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

New Note to France.

PARIS, March 15th.  
The United States has sent France a new Note referring to the acceptance of England and Japan to participate in the naval disarmament party at Geneva in June and requesting that France may be represented.

France is likely to send an Observer.

PLEA FOR A "NAVAL  
HOLIDAY.""MUTUAL ASSISTANCE"  
SUGGESTIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
Mr. C. G. Ammon (Labour) pleaded for a "Naval Holiday" and described the "Reorientation of the Navy in Eastern waters" as a danger to world peace.

Commander Kenworthy suggested that at the forthcoming Disarmament Conference the three principal Naval Powers enter into a convention of mutual assistance in the event of unprovoked aggression. Japan might agree to safeguard our sea route in the Pacific and we could safeguard Japan's trade route in the Mediterranean. Similarly, America might safeguard our trade routes in the West Atlantic while we guaranteed the Mediterranean.

Com. Bellairs suggested that Japan might be given expansion territory if she agreed to disarm.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

MARCONI'S BEAM STATIONS  
FULFILL REQUIRED  
CONDITIONS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
It is announced that the beam stations built for communication with Australia have successfully passed the official seven days' test. The General Post Office has been informed that Marconi's stations have more than fulfilled the required conditions, namely, the capability of communication at a speed of 500 letters per minute each way during a daily average of seven hours during seven consecutive days. The actual speed during the tests was estimated at 148 five-letter words per minute but it frequently reached 225. The stations from which the Australian service will operate in England shared with India, which will be opened few months.

## INDIAN CURRENCY BILL.

CLAUSE FOUR CARRIED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, March 15th.  
Clause Four of the Currency Bill, as finally carried, included the Ayyangar amendment.

INDIAN SENTENCED TO  
DEATH.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, March 14th.  
Abdul Rashid, the murderer of Swami Shradhanand, has been sentenced to death.

## OBITUARY.

PRESIDENT OF LATVIA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, March 14th.  
The death is announced of M. Tschakste, the President of Latvia.

THE BRITISH NAVY  
ESTIMATES.STATEMENT BY THE FIRST  
LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.REFERENCE TO PRESIDENT  
COOLIDGE'S CONFER-  
ENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 14th.  
In the House of Commons, in introducing the Navy Estimates, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) referring to President Coolidge's invitation to the Conference of Limitation of Armaments, emphasised that the Admiralty would welcome such a conference provided the British entered it asking other nations to consider our special difficulties in the same way that we should undoubtedly respect and consider theirs. (Cheers.) There were special circumstances with regard to the British Navy which were totally different from those of any other country. Our obligation was to maintain the Fleet equal to the naval strength of any other Power and provide reasonable security for the safeguarding of our trade communications. The only chance of success for the Conference was that the Powers entering it were perfectly frank with each other and said why they wanted strength. They wanted and hoped that France and Italy should reconsider the question and join in after all. (Cheers.) He was of opinion that very considerable progress was achievable without risking obligations which the Admiralty and Fleet must carry out.

## Ships and Men on China Coast.

Mr. Bridgeman mentioned the item, £125,000, as the cost for bringing both the ships and men from China and expressed the hope that they would not be staying there very long but, if they were, it would be necessary to introduce a Supplementary estimate.

Mr. Bridgeman referred to the "very handsome contribution" of the Malay States towards the construction of the Singapore Base. (Cheers.) Although the whole of the money did not come to the Admiralty, as some of it had to go to the War Office and some to the Air Ministry they were exceptionally fortunate this year in that they were to get two years' payments for one year. Therefore, there share of the Malay States contribution was £376,000 during this year, for which he had to estimate.

Mr. Bridgeman quoted the Imperial Conference's resolution with regard to Singapore as evidencing Australia's interest in the Singapore Base as being as keen as ever. The total cost of the base had been reduced from £11,000,000 to £7,750,000, excluding the cost of the new floating dock which was to be constructed there. Enumerating the contributions from the Straits Settlements, Hong Kong and the Malay States towards the Singapore scheme, Mr. Bridgeman said that we would be very glad to receive their contributions. (Cheers and laughter.) The sum required this year for Singapore for construction and floating dock was £235,000, other works £284,000, of which the Malay States had contributed £376,000, leaving £43,000 to be found by the British taxpayer.

## "A Complete Myth."

Referring to the Opposition attempts to draw a distinction between the policy of the Foreign Office and the policy of the Admiralty with regard to sending troops to China, as if they were not united thereon, Mr. Bridgeman said that was a "complete myth." The Admiralty responded as rapidly as they could—nobody would say they lost much time—to what the Foreign Office asked it to do in order to protect Britons in China. The Admiralty was very glad to be able to send out ships from which landing parties could be disembarked and whose presence would do a great deal to allay the terrible anxiety under which many Britons were living in China. The speediness with which the marines were ready for service in China was very great testimony to the great efficiency of our magnificent forces of marines.

## Estimates Agreed Upon.

After a Labour amendment to reduce the personal had been rejected by 350 votes to 81, the Navy Estimates were agreed upon.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE  
FIRST LORD'S SPEECH.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

11.1. RUGBY, March 14th.  
In introducing the Naval Estimates in the House of Commons, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman (First Lord of the Admiralty) said that in regard to the programme accepted by the House in July, 1925, it was merely being continued. That programme was to last a number of years and he had promised the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time to do his utmost to effect economies which would reduce, if not entirely obliterate, the extra cost of replacement. That understanding had been most faithfully carried out and the success which had attended his efforts had been far greater than he had ever dared to hope. In 1925, internal savings produced more than was necessary to offset the £471,000 required for new building. In 1926, the estimates were £2,400,000 less than in 1925. They not only paid for new building but saved £2,500,000. In addition, as a result of the coal stoppage, £3,250,000 which was voted had not been spent and would go back to the Exchequer. For this year, the difficulties in putting forward a smaller figure had been unusually great because certain things—quite unavoidable—had added to the expenditure. The estimates for construction were £9,983,000 against £9,083,000. That was an increase of £900,000 in the cost of construction. They had inserted the sum of £125,000 for sending out the ships to China. He did not say that that would cover all the expense that might be incurred, but he hoped they would not have to stay in China very long. He had to find something like £2,000,000 in excess of last year and the trouble had been to find the savings to balance.

## Big Savings.

There was a saving of £150,000 on rates of pay, and about £200,000 on food and clothing, while the closing of the Rosyth and Pembroke Dockyards had saved the amount anticipated. They had had a very handsome contribution from the Malay States for the construction of the Singapore Base, amounting to £2,200,000 in five instalments, and the Admiralty share of the contribution was £376,000 during the year. There would be a reduction of about £400,000 in contract work. As a result, he was able to present estimates of £9,983,000 or about £100,000 less than last year. That was a great achievement. Calculating on the basis of pre-war prices it would be found that this £9,983,000 would be about £24,000,000 while the actual estimates in 1914, before the war, were £51,500,000.

## Imperial Conference.

Dealing with the Imperial Conference of last Autumn, Mr. Bridgeman said the representatives of the Overseas Dominions were given a very close insight into our naval problems. Parts of the Empire had contributed very largely towards naval expenditure and he hoped in the years to come that other parts of the Empire would contribute and that those who had already contributed would contribute more. It was not for us to dictate to the other parts of the Empire what they ought to do. He was quite certain they all quite realised their responsibility and he confidently hoped, in the way which was best to them and which it was for them to accomplish, they would come to the aid of the Mother Country in bearing the burdens.

## Lessened Singapore Cost.

There had been a change in the total figure for Singapore from £11,000,000 to £7,750,000, exclusive of the cost of the floating dock. This reduction had been made possible by a more careful survey of what was necessary. Towards the whole scheme, the Straits Settlements had contributed the land, the Malay States £2,000,000, and Hong Kong £250,000. The actual amount required from the British taxpayer this year for Singapore was £43,000. (The above message is incomplete, owing to atmospheric conditions.)

## SINO-JAPANESE TARIFFS.

CHINESE MERCHANTS'  
COMPLAINTS.MOST FAVOURED NATION  
CLAUSE.

[Asiatic News Service.]

PEKING, March 6th.  
In a circular telegram to Peking and the Provinces, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Shanghai points out that Japan has included all Chinese products made of satin and silk under the category of luxuries, and that they are, therefore, being heavily taxed by the Japanese and Korean maritime customs. In the conclusion of a special tariff treaty with Japan, it is suggested that China should not grant any privilege concerning the importation of cotton and cotton yarn into China from Japan unless China is given, in exchange, equal treatment for Chinese silk and satin-manufactured goods.

The members of the Peking Chinese Chamber of Commerce, under the presidency of Mr. Wong Wen Tien, the new chairman, passed a resolution opposing the inclusion of the "most-favoured" clause in the new Sino-Japanese Treaty of Commerce and Navigation which is under negotiation between the Waichiao and the Japanese Legation. The resolution declares that the new treaty will be negotiated on an equal footing, and says that the phrase "most-favoured nation" should be erased for ever in China's treaties with foreign countries.

## Scientific Expeditions.

[Asiatic News Service.]

PEKING, March 6th.  
The members of the Chinese educational, agricultural and student organisations in Peking held a special conference on Sunday morning for the discussion of matters concerning the Swedish scientific expedition to the North-Western parts of China under the charge of the well-known Swedish explorer, Dr. Sven Hedin.

The members have organised a special body to deal with the preservation of ancient Chinese arts and treasures and, in a statement, they expressed disapproval of the last two American scientific expeditions under Mr. Andrews to Mongolia.

Some of the members even demanded the return of the million year old Dinosaur eggs discovered by Mr. Andrews and exported to the United States.

By resolution of the members, all foreign expeditions to China, unless with the special permission of the Chinese authorities, should be banned in the future.

## THE "ELKTON" LOST.

"LIBERATOR'S" GREAT  
ADVENTURE.THE WORST STORM IN MY  
EXPERIENCE.

HONOLULU, March 6th.  
The spot where the freighter *Elkton* went down was still bubbling when the *Liberator* arrived on the scene, says a United Press message published in the *Manila Times*.

Captain C. D. Smith brought the *Liberator* into port to-day and was able for the first time to disclose details of the futile attempt to find a trace of the *Elkton*. In an interview with the United Press Captain Smith pictured the *Liberator's* thrilling race into the center of the violent storm which wrecked the *Elkton*.

"We found the exact location," he said, "and made a thorough search. There was an area which I estimate about 300 square miles, covered with oil. Towards the centre of this area the oil was thicker and there was one spot where it was very thick. There were bubbles rising at this point and I am convinced that the *Elkton* with all her crew were already at the bottom."

"During the war many ships foundered in the same general region and under similar circumstances. Some thought that the oil might have been pumped into the ocean to calm the waves but my opinion is that it would have been impossible to pump that much. We found no sign of wreckage but this is easily explainable by the fact that the first thing done on shipboard at the beginning of a storm is to tie down everything that is loose."

## Into the Heart of the Storm.

"When we received the first distress signal from the *Elkton* the *Liberator* was on the edge of the typhoon. We raced for 24 hours into the center of the worst storm in my experience, through terrific seas with our decks awash. The crew stood by throughout the night for no ship ever took on so much water."

"When we arrived at latitude 17 north and longitude 126.42 east the point where the *Elkton* sank, it would have been impossible to launch our boats even though we had sighted her."

## The Last Message.

"Following the last message I received from Captain Schellhardt there were three blank signals. The message said 'Come Up Stand By us,' then signals died. I received this message at 9.30 p.m. on the 18th and throughout the 17th conducted a systematic search."

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### HIS EXCELLENCY'S VISION.

The speech which His Excellency the Governor made at the annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders was duly reported. It contained an interesting vision of the future in China, especially with regard to matters of transport.

Sometimes the most optimistic among us become depressed about China. There are such wonderful possibilities for transport and there is so often hope deferred that we scarcely know what to think of the visions of these who peer into the future.

### THE GREAT LESSON.

So it was in England in the early days of the steam engine and the locomotive. Always the ignorant have tried to sweep away the oncoming waves with a broom but mechanical transport will come to China as it has come to North America and to Europe.

Sir Cecil Clementi suggested that there might be evolved a new type of vehicle especially suitable to the conditions of China. What will it be like? After looking at the *Argus* we may expect any change of shape. The narrow tracks that are such a feature of South China seem to suggest something like a motor bicycle as being the most suitable type of machine.

Someday we may expect a wonderful shock absorber which would make it possible to ride a motor-bike over the present tracks. He would be a bold man who would try the journey without some special arrangement. Probably a tractor motor-bike will evolve.

### PETROL DIFFICULTIES.

As for the difficulty of petrol, the practical man sees only two possible solutions. Either you must find a substitute for petrol or you must produce an invention that will greatly reduce petrol consumption.

Every year cars are becoming more and more economical as the remarkable results with the "drive it yourself" trials on more than 5,000 cars of the Whippet make have shown. These 5,000 drivers returned an average of 46.5 miles to the imperial gallon.

### THE DEMAND.

Economy figures are most important. They are of great interest to those of us who have to pay the monthly petrol bill. In the end, however, the demand for cars greatly exceeds all expectations. The total petrol consumption of the world increases each year.

Just think of what the petrol consumption will be when aeroplanes are frequently flying to and fro between different cities.

There will be no problem of tracks and road building then. Hong Kong is to have its aerodrome. Some of us who are keen motorists may decide to turn our attention to aero-transport. It will be a local hobby before some of us realise the fact.

### THE SLEEVE-VALVE ENGINE.

"The development of the automobile is the outstanding romance of the mechanical era in which we live." That fact is being recognised more and more as the facilities for transport progress.

In the evolution of the modern automobile the unstinted labours of men of colossal genius have been enlisted. Financial experts also had the vision to see that money invested in well managed plants would yield good returns. It would be of interest to know how many fortunes have been made by the automobile.

### THE SILENT KNIGHT.

It is now many years ago that the writer heard about a new invention called the sleeve-valve petrol engine. An electrical engineer in London said to him one day, "There's a man called Knight hawking round the drawings of a new kind of petrol engine. He's covered the thing with patents, but I think he'll lose his money."

"What's the idea?" was the answer and then we went into details. The first impression that the explanation and sketches gave me was that the very ingenious Williams steam engine had formed the basis of Knight's novelty. Every inventor gets his inspiration from some other piece of work.

It is always difficult to get at the true facts of the case with regard to the history of an invention unless the inventor publishes the story himself. The tale told in London in those early days was that Knight was ready to sell his patents for a low figure. He had taken the "drawings" to various people in America who would have nothing to do with the thing at all. In despair he went to London.

The great objection of many American firms was that the Knight engine would require a complete change of manufacturing equipment in order to produce it. Capital expenditure on such a plant is a very serious matter.

In those days the writer knew the man whose name is now very famous in regard to all motoring inventions. The name is Lanchester.

### A SPONSOR.

A curious contrast between the English and American point of view was noticed by Knight soon after his arrival in London.

The English public, slower to buy, wanted an improvement in the then current design of cars.

It is not too much to say that the English manufacturers were really more absorbed upon turning out the best possible machine than they were in making the biggest possible profit.

In America the outlook was rather different. In that country they got hold of the idea that mass production meant big profits. Everything in the automobile business was looked at from the point of view of big profits and there can be no doubt that they made the profits because of the genius shown in mass production.

The English Daimler Company, one of the leading English firms, took over the Knight proposition on terms which allowed them to hurry slowly. They built the now famous Daimler-Knight engine. It is, perhaps, twenty years ago that the Directors of the firm made up their minds that the Daimler-Knight engine was the best thing in the automobile power plant world. On a touring car the engine in those days did 2,000 miles over the Brooklands track at an average speed of 42 miles per hour. That made the automobile experts "sit up," for then it was a marvel.

My own belief is that it was the genius of Lanchester that made the Daimler people take up the "Silent Knight" engine, but that is only a guess. Anyhow the tests on Brooklands showed that the power plant of the car actually improved with use.

### A ROYAL COMMAND.

The inventor, Charles Y. Knight, of Chicago, must have been satisfied with his efforts when in 1914, King George selected a Knight engine car, built by the Daimler Company of Coventry, as the official royal car. Since that date Knight has seen the engine win every test for which it has entered.

In the characteristic manner of a genius for things mechanical Knight goes on with his work. In the experimental rooms of the greatest builders in the world and in his laboratories, Knight still seeks to improve his engine. His ability is as great as ever; his vision for improvement is undimmed.

By a chance meeting on a steamer John W. Willys came to know Knight. The latter offered Willys the use of a Daimler-Knight car in England during his visit. But Willys declined and obtained a Knight engine car! The upshot of the whole affair was the Willys-Knight power plant for automobiles. To day in the U.S.A. they call the Knight engine "the engine you'll never wear out." In 1925 more than 50,000 Willys-Knight engines were built in the Willys shops in America.

### WHY IT SUCCEEDS.

There are no poppet-valves in the Knight engine mechanism. The poppet valve in the ordinary petrol engine is noisy and noisy must always be paid for. There is no noise with the Willys-Knight engine. There are no valve seats in this engine to burn. Therefore there is no leakage of gases past the valves. There is no loss of compression. Engines that have a reduced compression lose power and they eat up petrol. Curiously enough any carbon deposit from the petrol actually improves the working of the engine. In the ordinary petrol engine with poppet valves, "de-coking" is a nuisance and has to be paid for.

One owner of a Knight engine car wrote as follows: "This automobile has been driven one hundred thousand miles. I have not had any engine trouble and the engine has never been gone over for any mechanical adjustments."

### THE FUTURE.

As an engineer, the writer is always interested in looking ahead at the future. Looks now for Charles Y. Knight. He must become more and more famous and the use of his engine may become world-wide. On the other hand his genius may produce some other remarkable invention which will redound to his credit. Anyhow he has made a valuable contribution to the automobile industry.

### ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

There is a general belief in Hong Kong that electric batteries deteriorate more rapidly in this climate than they do in England. Possibly it may be that people in England pay more attention to their maintenance. One enterprising local engineer brought out an electric vehicle some years ago, but it was not a success. In the meantime many improvements have been made in connection with these vehicles but it is not likely that they will be popular in Hong Kong for some time.

A great expense is the cost of changing the battery with electrical energy. It is, however, practically certain that the cost of electrical energy must be reduced in Hong Kong for it is not easy to justify the present charges. In any case if there were a big demand for current for charging batteries of electric vehicles the local Automobile Association might be able to arrange better terms than those in force just now.

Small electric trucks are used at railway stations in Britain but labour is cheap in Hong Kong as compared with America and England but it would be interesting to see what an electrically driven truck could do on the local wharves.

### SOME INTERESTING RESULTS.

In this connection some useful figures showing the power consumed by an electric vehicle have been published from time to time. An unladen electric vehicle (commercial type) weighing just under 17 cwt. took about 8 brake horse power to draw it along a level road. Mounting a not very steep gradient of 1 in 20 it took over 14 brake horse power at about half the speed.

The argument that the advocates of electric vehicles use is that the speed of the car or wagon is automatically adjusted by the gradient or the load. They say that the driver of a petrol engine "steps on the gas" when he comes to a hill and, in his endeavour to maintain his speed, strains the working parts of the machine. This is not a very sound argument because engines are usually built to stand that sort of strain.

What engineers are really seeking is a very light storage battery and when that is invented the electric vehicle will have a great future. It is easy to manipulate but any battery demands careful attention.

### TANKS AND THE FUTURE.

The outstanding features of the recent estimates for the Fighting Services are those relating to the development of tanks and aeroplanes. Lord Curzon, who knew as much about the inner history of the Great War as any Cabinet Minister, said that "the Allies floated to victory on a sea of oil or words to that effect. Mr. Lloyd George, in the early days of the tank said 'this is an engineer's war.'"

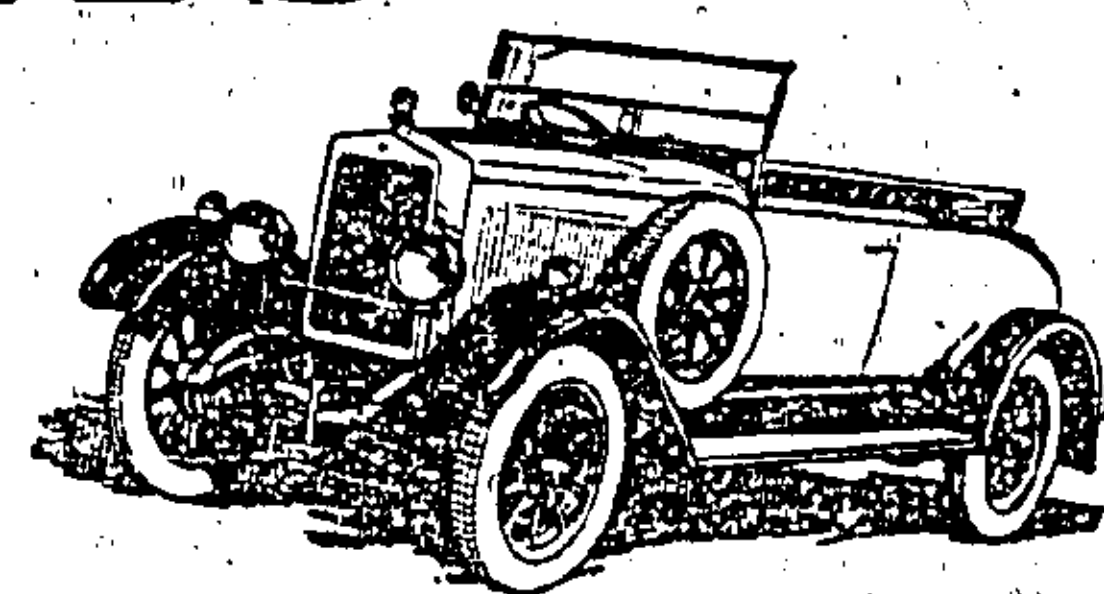
It is now nearly nine years since the tanks demonstrated that the war would be brought to a finish because the enemy troops could be driven out of the trenches which had hitherto been considered invulnerable. During that nine years the internal combustion engine has been considerably developed. Tanks and aeroplanes are entirely dependent on internal combustion engines and Great Britain has maintained the lead which she had in 1918. The inventors and designers have done splendid service during the last decade.

### THE THREE ARMS.

The army is becoming as dependent on machinery as the Navy has been for the last sixty years. The tank many consider the decisive weapon in military tactics. It is amazing that the conservative cavalry officers, who had a certain contempt for anything mechanical, should have been allowed to retard the development of the tank.

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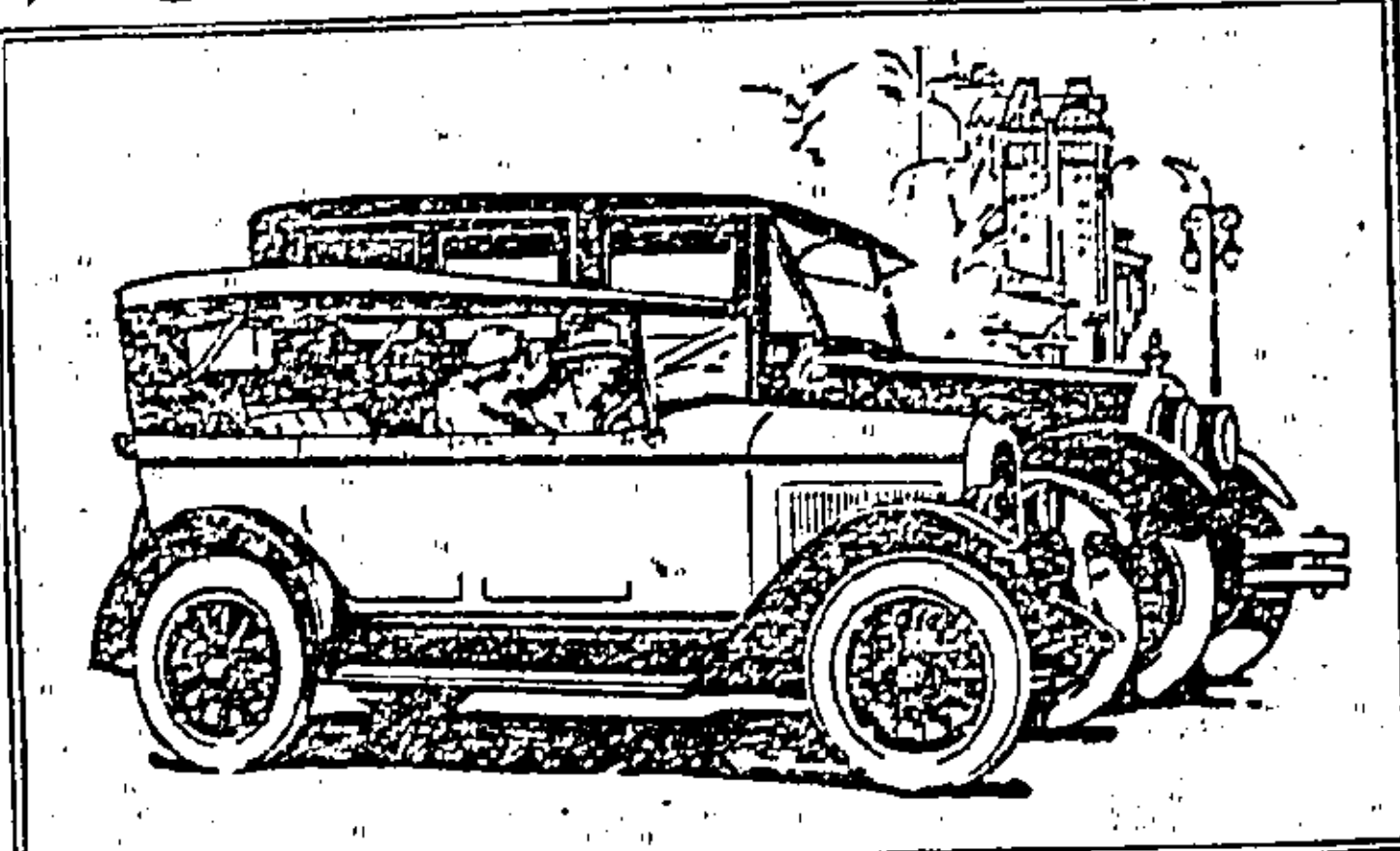
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## MOTORING NOTES

(CONTD.)

So far as naval strategy is concerned the submarine is a supremely important weapon. The internal combustion engine that propels these craft is the Diesel engine. The writer has heard that a submarine now being built in one of the Royal Dockyards in Great Britain will be capable of developing 3,000 horse power and the experience gained with that craft will probably lead the naval authorities to build something bigger.

Thus we see that the three arms of the defence forces (the navy, army and air force) are dependent on the development of the internal combustion engine. Every engine built for a motor-car stimulates the designer and manufacturer to make the next one better. Motorists have, therefore, materially assisted the forces ready to defend them in times of peril.

## THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting of this Association will be held at no distant date and it is sincerely hoped that there will be a good attendance of members. Several items of interest will be brought up at the meeting. The funds have accumulated and there must now be a substantial balance in hand. The exact sum, will, of course, be stated.

Arrangements have been made with the publishers of one of the leading motor journals in Great Britain for members of the Hong Kong Automobile Association to receive a copy of this journal each week at a reduced annual subscription. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the former proprietor of the journal was in Hong Kong three or four years ago. He related to the writer how his family almost accidentally acquired the journal which turned out to be a gold mine. It was in the early days of motoring, nearly thirty years ago that the journal made its first appearance. It was carried to prosperity on a flood tide of petrol.

## MORE ACTIVITY.

There has been greater activity on the part of the local Automobile Association during the past year but still more can be done. There is now quite a good capital sum for disposal but it is surely unfair to the present members that so much of their annual subscriptions should be retained for the benefit of posterity. No one would advocate reckless expenditure but posterity will have a club with a very much larger number of motorists in Hong Kong who will be able to make the total sum subscribed very much bigger.

The Association might provide a room in the central part of the town for its office with a clerk in charge. Members could call there and write down suggestions in a book. Motor literature, including a library, might be provided. The old office that was made with a room adjacent to the Hong Kong Club was doomed to failure. Something might be done to persuade the ladies to take an interest in the Association and they would, at any rate, make sure that the Club room was comfortable.

The annual general meeting should be of interest to all members, and it is hoped that the present President will continue to show his personal interest in the Association.

## CROP OF MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

## FATAL INJURIES TO A COOLIE AT KOWLOON.

Several motor car accidents figured in the police reports of yesterday.

While turning up Garden Road a motor car ran into a Chinese schoolboy who received injuries which had to be treated in hospital.

Another Chinese boy received injuries to the head when he was knocked down by a motor car in Connaught Road near the Western Market.

While Mr. Dodson was driving his car near the Naval Yard in Canton Road, Kowloon, his car struck a coolie who was fatally injured and died soon after admission to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Carrying two buckets of water down Pedder Street a Chinese slipped and fell. A motor car which was turning the junction of Des Voeux Road Central ran into the man. He was taken to the hospital badly injured.

## CRICKET

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. NAVY.

This League match takes place on Saturday, March 16th, on the Club ground at 2.15 p.m.

H.K.C.C.—P. Jackson, H. J. Armstrong, H. C. Burgess, R. A. Green, G. P. Lamert, R. W. Lee, D. E. G. Nicholson, J. A. Summers, W. K. Tait, C. D. Wales, and W. Wooding.

## BOXING.

HERMES v. K.O.S.B.'s.

There is to be a return boxing tournament between men from H.M.S. Hermes and the King's Own Scottish Borderers, to-morrow night on the Hermes, beginning at 8.15.

## LAWN TENNIS.

CHINESE PAIR IN ACTION.

## SNAPPY WEATHER.

Despite the cold, damp weather yesterday, a good crowd turned out to see Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Chung, considered the best Chinese couple in the Open Championship. They were opposed to Sayer and Major Willson whom they beat in straight sets, conceding five games in the match.

Although the match was not a test for the Chinese pair, they showed that on their own they are likely to hold their own against any couple in the tournament. Ng Sze Kwong was particularly good and made many pretty placements all round the court. His brother also played well but was often erratic. Their progress will be followed with great interest.

E. C. Fincher, who defeated M. K. Lo last week, was again successful yesterday against In Tak Lam. He now enters the third round to meet the winner of Ng Sze Kwong and Major Stevenson.

Only two championship matches were decided yesterday.

The results of yesterday's matches follow:—

## Open Singles.

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## Open Doubles.

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S. E. Green v. I. M. Razack.

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C. H. Eldridge and J. Hall (rec. 4/6) v. W. A. Newers and L. M. S. Lloyd (rec. 2/6).

W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy (rec. 1/6) v. A. H. Crook and Dr. J. E. Craig (rec. 1/6).

## FOOTBALL.

## TO-DAY'S UNITED SERVICES FINALS.

To-day at Sookumpoo the finals in the United Services Football competition will be played as under:—

Juniors at 2.0 p.m. H.M.S. Tamar v. R.A. Reserves.

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## LEAGUE RESULTS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

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Fulham 0, Portsmouth 0.

Hull City 0, Southampton 0.

Barnsley 3, Preston 0.

## DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Millwall 1, Coventry 0.

## HOCKEY.

On the United Services Recreation Club ground to-day at 5 p.m., the Hong Kong Club will play the 5/2nd Punjab Regiment.

## RACING NOTES.

[By RAPHER.]

## Failing Hunt.

The meet to-day is at the Hunters Arms at 2.30 p.m.

## First Extra Race Meeting.

The above meeting will take place on Saturday, the 25th inst., commencing at 2.15 p.m. The programme is as follows:—

1st Race—"A" Class handicap: 6 furlongs.

2nd Race—Subscription griffins, non-winners: 5 furlongs.

3rd Race—"B" Class handicap: 6 furlongs.

4th Race—First aggregate stakes: 5 furlongs.

5th Race—Polo pony steeple: 3 furlongs.

6th Race—One mile for non-winning griffins.

7th Race—One mile for subscription griffins. Winner of one race 5 lbs. penalty, two races 7 lbs., 3 or more races 10 lbs.

8th Race—Wanchai handicap "B" Class: 1 1/4 miles.

9th Race—Wanchai handicap "A" Class: 1 1/4 miles.

## EXTRA RACE MEETINGS.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Stewards have provisionally fixed the following dates for extra race meetings at Happy Valley:—

Saturday, March 26th: Saturday, April 16th, and Monday, April 18th: Saturday, May 7th: Saturday, June 4th, and Monday, June 6th: Saturday, October 8th, and Monday, October 10th: Saturday, November 5th, and Saturday, November 26th.

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## "CALIFORNIA" TOURISTS ASHORE.

## TRAGIC DEATH OF FELLOW TRAVELLERS AT KOBE.

## "ONE HUGE FAMILY."

Groups of the California Tourists were seen walking from shop to shop yesterday, busily buying up objects of art and curio. The atmosphere round Pedder Street and at the Hong Kong Hotel lobby was distinctly American, but, "Gee," wasn't it nice to hear them talk about this old Colony.

In conversation with a gentleman who hails from California, a *Daily Press* representative was told that throughout the trip, the tourists on board ship were like one huge family, and, barring the unfortunate accident which had occurred in Kobe, the voyage was in every way pleasant. But of course the tragic event in Japan has cast a certain amount of gloom over the whole company. "And, I do certainly feel blue and dog-gone sorry about it, and what's more, I ain't the sort to hand out the soft soap called sympathy to those who are deeply concerned in the lady's death," he said. "Well, this is a mighty queer world, and one has to take everything as buying a hand-me-down from old Ikey."

The tragic event above referred to was the untimely death of Mrs. Glen Schultz, of Ventnor, New York city.

It appears that the liner was docked at Kobe when the first earthquake shock was felt. Mrs. Schultz, who was the wife of a well-known judge, was at the time standing on the gangway. She was knocked over and with three others was thrown into the harbour. All of them except Mrs. Schultz were rescued by the brave act of George Prentice, a ship's steward, who brought two of them to land and, in the case of Mrs. Schultz, dived from the sea-deck, a considerable height, into the narrow space between the ship and the dock, bringing the body to the surface. Mrs. Schultz had, however, been killed by the concussion of the fall.

This was her third trip round the world.

The tragedy, which occurred an hour before the ship sailed, cast a gloom over the whole party.

Mrs. Schultz's body has been sent for burial at her home in New Jersey.

The California is only making a brief stay in Hong Kong, being due to sail at 8 p.m. to-day. A party of 150 tourists sailed for Macao yesterday morning while others made motor tours of the Island and New Territories.

## "EMPRESS OF CANADA."

When enquiries were made yesterday at the local office of the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. in connection with the collision in which the s.s. *Empress of Canada* was concerned, our representative was informed that the liner will reach Hong Kong on Friday according to schedule.

The *Canada* will go into dry-dock for the necessary repairs and the trip to Manila will be cut out.

The *Canada* is thought to have been entering Shanghai when the collision occurred.

Beyond a dent in the bow, it is thought that little damage was caused.

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 15th.

Previous On Date On Date

Day at Day at

at 2 p.m. 6 a.m. 3 p.m.

Barometer... 29.50 29.03 29.06

Temperature... 81 84 85

Humidity... 94 70 71

Wind... Direction... Force... 5 N NNE

Weather... OM 0 0

Rain... 0.10 0.00 0.83

Highest open-air Temperature, 14th: 83

Lowest open-air Temperature, 15th: 64

B-Blue sky; C-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning; M-Mist; O-Overcast; P-Passing showers; Q-Squalls; R-Rain; T-Thunder.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 16th to 22nd, 1927.

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Date of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height. Days of Week. Date of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height.

Wed. 16 8 32 4.0 2 44 1.2

Thur. 17 9 49 4.8 3 14 1.2

Fr. 18 9 12 5.7 2 44 2.8

Sat. 19 9 54 6.6 3 48 1.2

Sun. 20 10 20 5.2 4 11 1.4

Mon. 21 10 36 5.4 4 28 1.7

Tues. 22 11 15 5.8 5 11 2.0

Wed. 23 11 15 5.7 5 28 2.6

Thurs. 24 12 51 5.1 6 49 2.8

## CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 31st April, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4679]

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All Claims must reach us by 23rd March, 1927, or they will not be recognized.

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AMOI, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"ANTUNG"	On 27th Mar. 6 a.m.
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## Shipping News Arrivals and Departures, etc.

### ARRIVALS.

March 15th.  
Fuchuan, Chinese str., 455 tons, Capt. Hong Chuan, from Wenchow, lying at Shamshuipo.—Yen Sun Co.

March 14th.  
Chipsing, British str., 1,189 tons, Capt. D. G. Burleigh, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B32.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Dempto, Norwegian str., 1,430 tons, Capt. E. N. Johnson, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. B47.

Halidor, Norwegian str., 830 tons, Capt. J. Hansen, from Bangkok and Kohsichang, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Kin Tye Loong.

Luchow, British str., 1,221 tons, Capt. H. Gifford, from Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B46.—B. & S.

Unkai Maru No. 8, Japanese str., Capt. R. Murata, from Dairen, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B35.—Suzuki & Co.

Soochow, British str., 1,534 tons, Capt. Edwin Monkman, from Shanghai and Amoy, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B12.—B. & S.

Tokai Maru, Japanese str., 2,343 tons, Capt. T. Horiuchi, from Milke, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. B50.—Y.K.K.

Wong Shek Kwong, Chinese str., 800 tons, Capt. C. Meyer, from Saigon, with rice a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C16.—Kwang Hong Hing.

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Amur Maru, Japanese str., 4,523 tons, Capt. M. Yamaguchi, from Antwerp and Singapore, with 7,000 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—O.S.K.

California, British str., 12,135 tons, Capt. A. Cooley, from New York, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—B. & S.

Durbin Maru, Japanese str., 7,163 tons, Capt. S. Komoyama, from Birkenhead and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Kronviken, Norwegian str., 1,517 tons, Capt. O. Mosen, from Saigon, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. B48.—Wallem & Co.

Ming Sang, British str., 660 tons, Capt. W. W. Hipkin, from Shanghai and Singapore, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Portus, French str., 7,530 tons, Capt. Malanston, from Shanghai, with 2,000 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Messageries Maritimes.

President Cleveland, American str., 8,393 tons, from San Francisco and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Sunka Maru, Japanese str., 1,568 tons, Capt. A. Saito, from Saigon, with a cargo of rice, lying at buoy No. C17.—M.B.K.

West Calera, American str., 3,524 tons, Capt. J. H. Hansen, from San Pedro and Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. A27.—Swayne Hoyt Inc.

### CLEARANCES.

March 15th.  
Amur Maru, for Shanghai.

Ching Hing, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Chung Keng, for Tourane.

Durbin Maru, for Shanghai.

Daitchin Maru No. 2, for Kongmoon.

Fuchuan, for Amoy.

Hai Ning, for Swatow.

Hanoi, for Kwang Chow Wan.

Hong Ping, for Swatow.

Ho Ping, for Hongkong.

Kam Sang, for Amoy.

Lempe, for Nagasaki.

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### WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m. stated: The anti-cyclone has increased slightly in intensity. A depression is situated to the east of Tokyo. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the coast and over the Northern China Sea.

Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy, drizzle or mist.

### IN TOUCH.

The following ships were expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong yesterday:—President Grant, President Van Duren, Chinhu, General Metzing, Nyanga, C. Lopez, Y. Lopez, Amazon Maru, Taikwa Maru, Taiyo Maru, Portus, Kyber, Soochow, Tankin, Nagpore.

### SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Fatchan*, from which the police on Saturday last seized a number of anti-British posters, sailed for Canton yesterday morning with cargo and passengers, as was expected.

The following new Chinese Admiralty chart is now on sale at the Coast Inspector's Office, Canton House, Shanghai—No. 167, Yangtze River: Paishichi to Hainan-tze River. Price \$3. This notice is issued at the request of the Hydrographic Department of the Chinese Navy.

A crew of 32 Chinese on board the s.s. *Kumamoto Maru* suddenly left their ship in Nagasaki in a body on the 25th ult., demanding payment of their return expenses to Hong Kong.

Chinese soldiers have recovered from the pirates at Bias Bay a junk of 500-cubic capacity bearing Hong Kong licence No. 2499P.

In addition to the officers and other ranks brought by the P. & O. s.s. *Khyner*, as mentioned yesterday, the vessel also brought 131 six-inch charges, 234 explosive shells, filled, 134 shrapnel shell and 17 cases of fuses.

Arriving from Bangkok, the British vessel *Kiangsu* reported the death of one third class passenger en route. The cause was said to be consumption. The *Tjikembang* from the Straits also reported the death of one deck passenger.

The Dollar S.S. liner, *President Cleveland* arrived in port late yesterday afternoon, but no details of freight or passengers will be available until to-day. She sails for Manila to-day at 3 p.m.

At the Marine Court yesterday morning, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, four boat masters and mistresses pleaded guilty to lying inshore during dark hours and were each fined \$3, with the alternative of three days' imprisonment.

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May 4	San Francisco	Homeric	June 11	11 Ctry-S'mp'tn
May 10	San Francisco	Geo. Washington	June 18	18 P.m. Ctry
May 18	Seattle	Mauretania	June 25	25 Ctry-S'mp'tn
May 24	San Francisco	Majestic	June 25	25 Ctry-S'mp'tn
June 1	Seattle	Berengaria	June 29	29 Ctry-S'mp'tn
June 8	San Francisco	Olympic	July 7	7 Ctry-S'mp'tn

## TO SEATTLE AND VICTORIA VIA SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

"THE FAST SHORT ROUTE"

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	... ..	Wednesday, Mar. 23rd, 2 a.m.
PRESIDENT PIERCE	... ..	Wednesday, Apr. 6th
PRESIDENT TAIT	... ..	Wednesday, Apr. 20th
PRESIDENT JEFFERSON	... ..	Wednesday, May 4th
PRESIDENT GRANT	... ..	Wednesday, May 18th

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PRESIDENT HARRISON	... ..	Tuesday, May 24th, 6.00 a.m.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND	... ..	Mar. 16th, 3.00 p.m.
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PRESIDENT HAYES	... ..	Mar. 29th, 6.00 a.m.
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SINGAPORE	"YUENSANG"	Monday, 21st Mar. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Mar. at Noon
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Tuesday, 22nd Mar. at Noon
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"FAUSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Mar. at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Thursday, 24th Mar. at 3 p.m.
OSAKA via KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"HOPSANG"	Sunday, 27th Mar. at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU via SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Wednesday, 30th Mar. at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Saturday, 2nd April, at 7 a.m.
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HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

M.V. "REMO"	... ..	Sails on or about 5th April
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## YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

## LOCAL IMPORTS STILL DOWN.

## THROUGH CARGO NORMAL.

British steamers were the best contributors to the freights imported into the Colony and carried for other ports during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.

The returns made to the Harbour Office during the period showed that the Colony's imports were still down, while through cargoes were normal.

There were 11,847 tons of general cargo brought into Hong Kong. Of these 7,648 tons were discharged from British steamers. The two best returns were shown by the S.S. *Unai Maru* No. 6, from Dairen, and the Indo-China steamer *Chap Shing*, from Tientsin and Weihaiwei. The former vessel brought 3,400 tons and the latter 1,778 tons.

Through cargoes, carried by eight steamers out of the eighteen arrivals, amounted to 25,909 tons.

Five British steamers accounted for 10,752 tons. The two best carriers were the *Amur Maru*, which manifested 6,340 tons loaded at Antwerp and Singapore. The *Kyber* (British) from London and Singapore was responsible for 4,800 tons.

In addition to general merchandise, there were also 10,514 tons of rice, 4,201 tons of coal and 1,045 tons of kerosene landed here yesterday.

During the period under review, there were 13 arrivals and 6 departures. The nationalities were: British, 7 arrivals and 2 departures; Japanese, 4 arrivals and 1 departure; Norwegian, 3 arrivals; Chinese, 2 arrivals; Dutch, 1 arrival and 1 departure; German, 1 departure; American, 1 arrival and 1 departure.

The total number of vessels in the harbour was 74, of which, 25 were British.

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## Approaches to Hong Kong.

The following notice to Mariners was issued at the Harbour Office yesterday afternoon:  
Surveying operations will be carried out by H.M.S. *Iroquois* in the area between Gap Rock and Laddone Islands during the month of April. Unlighted moored survey buoys (not more than three in number) the exact position of which will be promulgated later, may be encountered in or near this area.The river steamers arriving from Canton yesterday afternoon were considerably delayed by the exceptionally low water up river. The *Tung On* was the first to come alongside, shortly after four o'clock, and she was a little later followed by the S.S. *Amur Maru*.The S.S. *Fulcanus* (Dutch) arriving here yesterday from Miri (North Borneo) brought 1,045 tons kerosene in bulk for local discharge.

The total number of deck passengers who arrived here during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 1,109.

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The naval authorities have reported to the police that about 120 feet of cable used for securing naval targets to their moorings, near Tsing I Island, were severed and removed by harbour thieves during the week-end. The value of the cable is \$150.

The following were the cargo carriers:  
S.S. *Chap Shing* (British) from Tientsin and Weihaiwei, 1,778 tons general for Hong Kong, and 330 tons for other ports.  
S.S. *Kyber* (British) from London and Singapore, 1,350 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,000 tons for other ports.S.S. *Kanyu* (British) from Bangkok and Swatow, 1,742 tons rice and general for Hong Kong, and 92 tons for other ports.  
S.S. *Amur Maru* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, 1,680 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,201 tons for other ports.S.S. *Soochow* (British) from Shanghai and Amoy, 800 tons general for Hong Kong.  
S.S. *Luchow* (British) from Shanghai, 320 tons general for Hong Kong, and 1,440 tons for other ports, also 220 sheeps.S.S. *West Galera* (American) from San Pedro and Manila, 300 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,000 tons for other ports.S.S. *Fulcanus* (Dutch) from Miri (North Borneo), 1,045 tons kerosene and 18 tons general for Hong Kong.  
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*Delta* (P. & O.), due March 31st.  
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